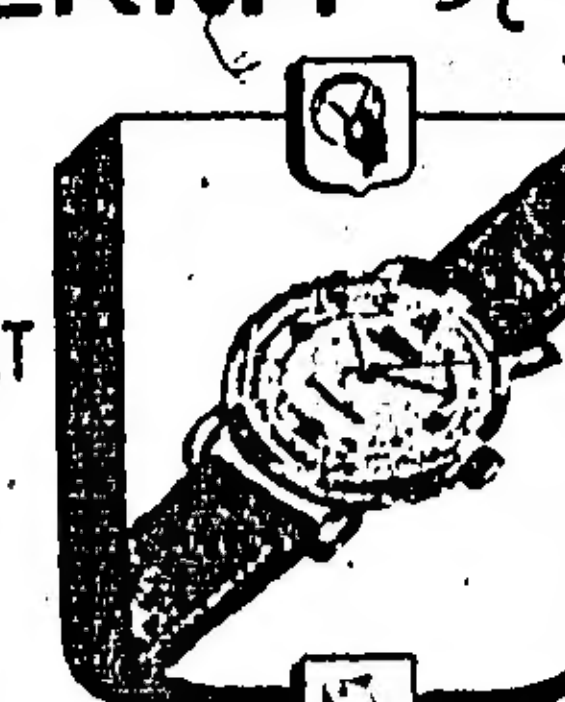


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NATIONALIST ARMIES' POSITION WORSENING

General Withdrawal To North Bank Of Yangtse PEIPING NOOSE TIGHTENS

Nanking, December 18.

Communist forces were reported today to have made contact between Nanking and Pengpu—major Nationalist bastion 110 miles North West of the capital.

In North China, the Communists are tightening the noose around Peiping and are threatening to cut off the only sea outlet for General Fu Tso-yi's corridor at Tangku.

These new developments today are the highlights of the picture of the rapidly worsening military situation for the tottering Nationalist regime.

DEFENCE PACT NEED IN ORIENT

London, December 18.

Soviet expansion in Asia emphasises the urgent need for an Eastern as well as a Western Union dual system of defence, according to the Conservative Member of Parliament, Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean, today.

Recently returned from touring China, Japan and Burma, Brigadier Maclean, writing in the Daily Telegraph, outlined the rapid advance of Soviet power in Asia as spreading across from Port Arthur to Mount Amoy.

Brigadier Maclean said the Americans from rump states in Japan are allowing themselves to be edged out from their bridgehead in Korea and can give little direct help.

"It is too much to hope Pakistan and India, weakened and divided, will succeed in holding their own against the Soviet's overwhelming political, economic and military pressure."

"This danger applies to Burma and other South East Asian countries and also to Iran, Afghanistan, Palestine and Iraq all of which have had an intensive softening up process by the powerful Soviet fifth column."

"To meet this menace we need a dual defence system—an Eastern as well as a Western Union, a Pacific as well as an Atlantic Pact. It is only by reproducing in Asia unity against aggression which exists in Europe that we can hope to contain Kremlin's boundless ambitions."—United Press.

Interim Body For Indies Announced

The Hague, December 18.

The Dutch Government issued a royal decree today providing for establishment of a new Indonesian Government without the Indonesian Republic.

The Government said the action aims at establishing a Government for all Indonesia which the Dutch think is closest to the wishes of the great majority of the Indonesian people. The decree is called "Regime of Indonesia in the Transition Period."

The Government said that because of the difficult position of the non-Republican Federal Indonesian states caused by the latest developments, it would not be possible to proceed with the actual formation of an Interim Government before January 1.

The statement said the Dutch would act as soon as conditions permit.

Observers in the Hague interpreted this to mean that the Dutch do not want to slam the

It is generally believed that the Reds will shortly bring the war to the North bank of the Yangtse. Troop movements indicate that the next Red offensive will be launched between Pengpu and Pukow, the railway terminal opposite Nanking across the river.

Nationalist troops are withdrawing South from Pengpu in what appears to be the preliminary stage of a general retreat from the Hun River line to defence positions North of the Yangtse and closer to Nanking.

The Nationalists seem to have abandoned hope of rescuing troops. The Nationalist 12th Army Group has been annihilated and there is almost no hope that the former Hsuehwei garrison can fight its way South to Pengpu.

Headquarters of General Liu Shih, East China commander, have been withdrawn from Pengpu to Chuhai, 30 miles South of Pengpu and 80 miles North of Nanking.

Peiping Fighting

Several sections of railway track between Peiping and Chihai have been "molested" by Red guerrillas. It is the first time that the Reds have cut rail communications between Peiping and Pukow in 10 days.

Reports from North China say the Reds have captured a small town six miles North of Tangku harbour. Tangku itself is not under Red attack.

In Peiping, the loss of the Western suburb of Hailien is admitted in pro-Government reports which also say that the Maryuan area, in the Southern suburb, and Fongtai, just outside the city wall, have been evacuated by Government forces.

The Communists who entered the new business district yesterday, are said to be planning a direct assault on the Western Hsichimen.

First Casualties

Marco Polo Bridge, where the first shot in the Sino-Japanese war was fired, has been captured by the Reds.

General Fu has mounted guns on Coal Hill and atop the city wall bordering the former Legation Quarter, and inside Peiping preparation are being made for street fighting. Machine-guns have been mounted on the roof of the Children's Hospital.

The American Consul in Peiping, Mr. Edmund Clubb, called a meeting yesterday of the various foreign consuls for a discussion of tentative arrangements regarding the protection of their nationals in an emergency.

The first casualties in Peiping proper occurred near the West Gate, a woman and two soldiers being injured by shell fire.

In Tientsin, the British authorities advised Britons to make no attempt to leave their homes pending clarification of the situation. They announced that arrangements are being worked out to form a body of British wardens to keep contact with the community and to concentrate British nationals in case of dire emergency.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

No War Seen Likely Yet

New York, December 18. Senator Robert Taft, said today, on his return from Europe, that Communism could spread no further without the help of the Red Army.

The Ohio Republican said that the officials in the spot did not expect a war to result from the present dispute between the East and West in Berlin.

He said that the airlift has impressed Russia with American air power and taught military leaders again how to supply the army from the air.

Asked if he anticipated any American withdrawal from Germany, he replied: "Certainly not. General Lucius D. Clay has done a magnificent job in dealing with Russia and is entitled to a wholehearted support of the American people."—United Press.

PI PRESIDENT'S ESCAPE

Manila, December 18. President Quirino's life was saved today on the way from Manila to Southern Luzon by a Contabular soldier disguised as a former.

Hukbalahap peasant guerrillas engaged Contabular units in battle along the rail-line over which Mr. Quirino was travelling. Four Huk were captured after they had encamped at a strategic point on the railroad in preparation to ambush the train.—Associated Press.

HUNTER GORED BY BOAR

Suffering from severe injuries after having been gored by a boar at Shutsukok late on Friday afternoon, Mak Kam-yau was brought to Kowloon Hospital by the Tai Po Police at midnight the same day.

Mak had been out hunting when he was attacked by the boar. Up to a late hour last night the patient was still in a serious condition.

They Draw Up U.S. Evacuation Plans



Admiral G. C. Crawford (left) who has been assigned to Shanghai to take charge of the evacuation of United States citizens in the event of emergency, studies a map of Shanghai with two of his officers. The officers are Captain M. F. Pullen (center), chief of staff, and Captain R. J. Bellerby (right) who until recently has been head of the U.S. advisory group at the Chinese Naval School in Tientsin.—(AP Photo).

Permanent Floating Hotel For The Colony

EXCLUSIVE TO THE "SUNDAY HERALD"

If present negotiations are successful, Hong Kong will have its first floating hotel, permanently anchored along the West Point Wharf, in the very near future, the "Sunday Herald" learns reliably.

A HK\$500,000 conversion programme has been drawn up by the Wah Sung Shipping Company of Shanghai to alter the former Shanghai-Ningpo passenger liner Kiang Yuang into a modern de luxe hotel, probably anchored permanently at the West Point Wharf.

As she lies off Yumati Typhoon Anchorage today, the Kiang Yuang, a type similar to the ill-fated vessel Kiang Ya which sank near Shanghai recently, with the loss of several hundreds of passengers, has 170 double-berth cabins, and one special stateroom. No alteration would be made to the cabins.

Built in Canada, the Kiang Yuang went to Shanghai about two years ago, and arrived here recently for her planned reconversion.

No Ulterior Motive In New Jap Programme

Washington, December 18.

American officials said on Friday the new economic programme for Japan is not designed to bolster the strategic position of the United States in the Pacific.

Its immediate purpose, they said, is to strengthen the hands of General Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Allied Commander and of the Japanese Government in carrying out a programme that is expected to be unpalatable to the Japanese public.

They contended there is nothing in the action to support the accusation of Soviet Russia and other critics of the United States is building up Japan with the purpose of improving the American strategic position.

The new decrees are in line with the notice which the United States gave the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission last January that the time has come to put greater stress on the economic recovery of Japan in view of the burden of occupation costs on the American taxpayer.

FEC Not Bypassed
Last July, General MacArthur urged the Tokyo Government to adopt substantially the same measures. Officials here said the Japanese Cabinet made plans to

'SILENT ZONES' CREATED UNDER NEW REGULATION JAY-WALKING TO BE OUTLAWED

Traffic regulations, amended by the Governor-in-Council yesterday, outlawed jay-walking, created silent zones, gave the public the right of way on pedestrian crossings and restricted learner drivers, under five feet four inches, to driving "only a particular" modified vehicle. The new regulations, to be enforced by a notice in the Government Gazette, also divided motor vehicles into five categories for the purpose of issuing driving licences, and fixed the price for a learner's licence at HK\$2.

Two silent zones have been created on the island. The one in the Central District is bounded by Queen Victoria Street, Connaught Road Central, Murray and Queen's Road.

The other is at Pokfulam in the Queen Mary Hospital vicinity. It includes Sassoon Road, from its junction with Victoria Road to its junction with Pokfulam Road.

On the Mainland, the silent zone includes the whole area South of Jordan Road and Gascoigne Road, bounded by the sea on the East and West. The silent zone hours on the mainland were fixed between midnight and sunrise.

Outlawing jay-walking, the regulations said that any person who uses the carriageway of a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for any vehicle shall be guilty of an offence.

Right Of Way

The regulations added that any pedestrian actually using a pedestrian crossing shall have right of way against any vehicle or tram, and a driver failing to observe the regulations concerned shall be guilty of an offence.

However, if a signal or direction is made to a vehicle permitting it to proceed, compliance of such signal shall not constitute an offence, added the regulations.

The new amendments said that if an applicant for a learner's licence to drive a vehicle other than a motor cycle or a private car is less than five feet four inches in height, the licence may be issued subject to the condition that the holder may drive only a particular vehicle, modified to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Police.

Public Vehicle Licence
The regulations prohibited the issuance of a learner driver's licence to a person for the driving of a public car, taxi-cab, or commercial vehicle unless the applicant is 21 years old, holds a private car driver's licence and has had at least one year's experience as a motor car driver.

A learner driver's licence will also not be issued to an applicant for the driving of an omnibus unless he holds a licence to drive a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle and has had at least three years' experience as a motor vehicle driver.

For the purpose of testing driving licences, motor vehicles have been divided into five categories—motor cycles, private cars, public cars and taxi-cabs, commercial vehicles and omnibuses.

The regulations, published in the Government Gazette yesterday, also specified the streets and areas in which speed is limited to 20 miles an hour.

Gurkha Party At Kai Tak

An advance party of the 2/8 Gurkha Rifles, headed by a British major, arrived at Kai Tak from Singapore yesterday.

This move is to reinforce the garrison here because of the deteriorating situation in China, as officially announced by the Singapore Headquarters of the Far East Land Forces early this month.

The 2/8 Gurkha Rifles, it was reported, would move to Hong Kong because of the improving conditions in Malaya. They will replace at the end of December the 1st Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who were taken from here to Malaya last July for operations against the insurgents.

Another factor which led to the "evacuation" of the Gurkhas from Malaya to China is the fact that a Guards Brigade and other reinforcements from Britain are now acclimatised in Malaya and are being deployed for operations, thus releasing the battalion of Gurkhas for other service.

The arrivals include three Gurkha officers and seven other ranks.

PRIMATE'S SON WEDS CATHOLIC

London, December 18. Arthur Pears Fisher, 30-year-old son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England, was married today to Miss Felicity Sutton, 20-year-old Roman Catholic artist. His father did not attend.

The ceremony took place at the little Roman Catholic church of the Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas Mary in Chelsea.

The bridegroom's mother and his five brothers were all present.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 600 GMT (2.00 PM) HKST: A moderate anti-cyclone over Mongolia dominates China. A ridge of high pressure extends from Central Japan to the Pacific in the Eastward. Pressure is slightly low over N. Indo-China and over the Formosa Straits where a depression may be developing.

Today's Forecast:—Overcast with light rain or drizzle, mainly night or early morning, some improvement during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 85.0 deg. F. Minimum: 61.0 deg. F. Sunshine: Nil.

Rainfall: 0.0 mm. = 0.0 in. Total since Jan. 1—2401.8 mm. = 94.71 in. as against an average of 2128.6 mm. = 83.81 in.

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Reclamation At Aberdeen

Part of the sea at Aberdeen will be reclaimed shortly for Hong Kong's Fisheries Department, it was officially stated yesterday.

A Government spokesman said that dumping of spoil at North Point has been discontinued owing to erosion caused by tidal action resulting in silting.

An alternative dump at Wanchai Gap is to be used, as filling is immediately required to complete work in hand there.

When the Wanchai Gap dump has been sufficiently filled, all dumping will be diverted to Aberdeen for reclamation for the Fisheries Department.

The Government spokesman said that if allowed to continue, silting at North Point will incur heavy expenses and add to the cost of reclamation—HK\$16,500 for every ton of silting.

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Reminders

Today

H.K. Art Club, Sketching Class in New Territories, assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Annual Concert by University, at gymnasium, 9 p.m.

Hop Yai Church Choral Service, at Church, 8 p.m.

Classical Concert, The H. Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

Little Flower Club, Children's Singing Party, King's Park, 4 p.m.

Nativity play "Wonder Night" at Tak Ching School, 9 p.m.

Police Recreation Club, unveiling of Memorial Plaque, 3.30 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra Concert, The Grapes, H.K. Hotel (Governor to attend), 9 p.m.

St. Andrew's Sunday School, annual prize giving and Gift Service, with Carol, Church Hall, 3 p.m.

Chinese Products Exhibition on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon Union Church, Nativity Play, 6 p.m.

Christmas Social Evening, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Polo & Hunt Club Paper Chase, New Territories, Dill's Corner, 11.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Abree Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals, annual general meeting of General Committee, at Nethersole Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

Concert by the Band of The Buffs, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

Northern Training College, presentation of certificates, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

H.K. Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Christmas Carols by George Lin & Family Orchestra, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

Speech Day, Maryknoll School, 5 p.m.

Metal Industries of China Limited, annual general meeting, Wheelock Marden office, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Fresh apples and lambkins (Koradula) have been prohibited from export. It was officially announced yesterday.

NAVY TO MOVE ITS HOSPITAL

The Royal Naval Hospital will move into its new building—the former War Memorial Hospital—on the Peak next month, the "Sunday Herald" learned authoritatively yesterday.

At present the Royal Naval Hospital occupies the sixth and seventh floors of the Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam. It has been there since the Liberation.

During the past year the former War Memorial Hospital has been rehabilitated.

It is understood the Governor will attend the official opening of the Royal Navy's new hospital which will take place before the middle of January.

St. Mary's School Prize Giving

"Young women must be taught that self-control, even at the cost of sacrifice, is the only way to form character which will bring greater happiness," said Mother Agnes, the Headmistress, at St. Mary's School Prize-Giving Day yesterday.

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Mother Agnes mentioned that the cost of a new wing to the school may be as much as \$1,000,000. They had raised, by subscription, \$30,000.

Prizes were distributed by Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, to the following:

Matriculation Certificate:—Colleen Chan Kwaiwah (H.K. Government Scholarship), Kathleen Phoa (Distinction in Mathematics), M. Teresa de Rosa (Distinction in Portuguese), Dorothy Leong Pokkwan, Yolande Chung Sau-long, Terence Chan Tsangpo, Theresa D'I. Hermodis, Rita Wong Yuk-chun, Trilly Mac-reen Adams, Evelyn B. Maurice, Nora Chen So-lan, Elizabeth Wong Beek-chi, Roseline Cheuk Chuen-chi, Rosemary Chow Pak-chung, Olivia Chan Shu-wah, Theresa Lim Yik-hui, Winifred Su Han-lin, Beatrice So Peman, Nellie Shin Kiu-lin, Roger Tsui Pak-chung, Felicia Kong Shau-ling, Carmen Kong Shau-lin.

School Leaving Certificate:—Catherine Remedios (Honours), Stella Chan, Catherine Woo, Elizabeth Wong, Adina Avila, Leoline Remedios, Sunny Bak-yin, Lily Wong, Betty Wong, Rita Silva, Rita Wei, Rita Marques, Gertrude de Luz, Frances Ho, Sylvia Dargatzis.

St. Mary's School Leaving Certificate:—Maria Ina Panto, Catherine Eto, Mary Mildred Ouellet, Jeannette Caroline Beck, Class 11—Lucienne Leung Tain-lan, Gloria Lou, Dan Garcia, Mildred Xavier, Class 12—Isabelle de Rosa, Louise Lai Lai-ching, Eva Rosa Pereira, Theresa Wong Ling-kwan.

Tenancy Appeal Rejected

The application for an eviction order and a recommendation to the Governor-in-Council to exempt the premises known as 404 Des Voeux Road West, has been refused by Mr. Percy Chen, sitting as Chairman of a Tenancy Tribunal.

The applicant applied for exemption of the premises from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance on the ground that vacant possession of the premises was required to enable a \$6,000,000 building project to be carried out.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada O. Castro, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings & Company, represented the applicant, Liu Po-chuen. The opponents, Cheung Hing Wo, tenants of the premises, were represented by Mr. Charles Loschey instructed by Messrs. J. M. d'Almada Remedios and Company.

Refusing the application, Mr. Chen said that he could find no reason why a recommendation should be made to the Governor-in-Council that the premises should be exempted from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

The Hong Kong Women's International Club will serve a Christmas Lunch to members on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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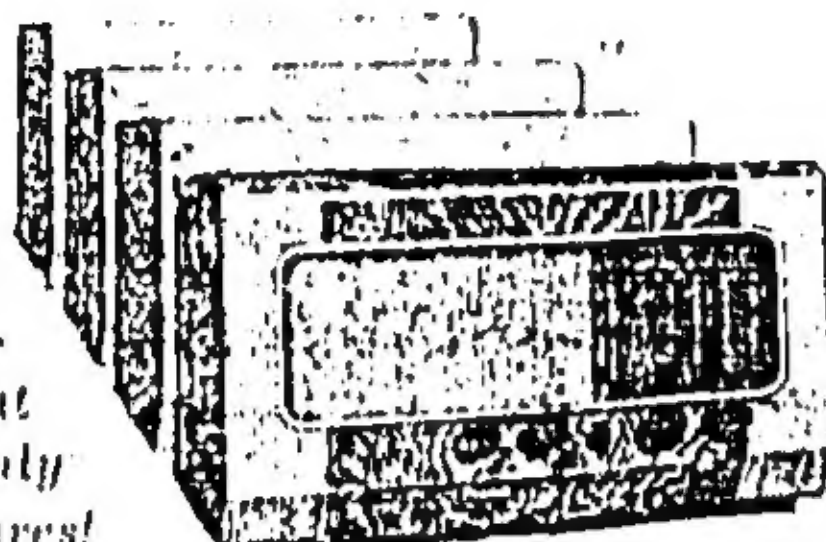
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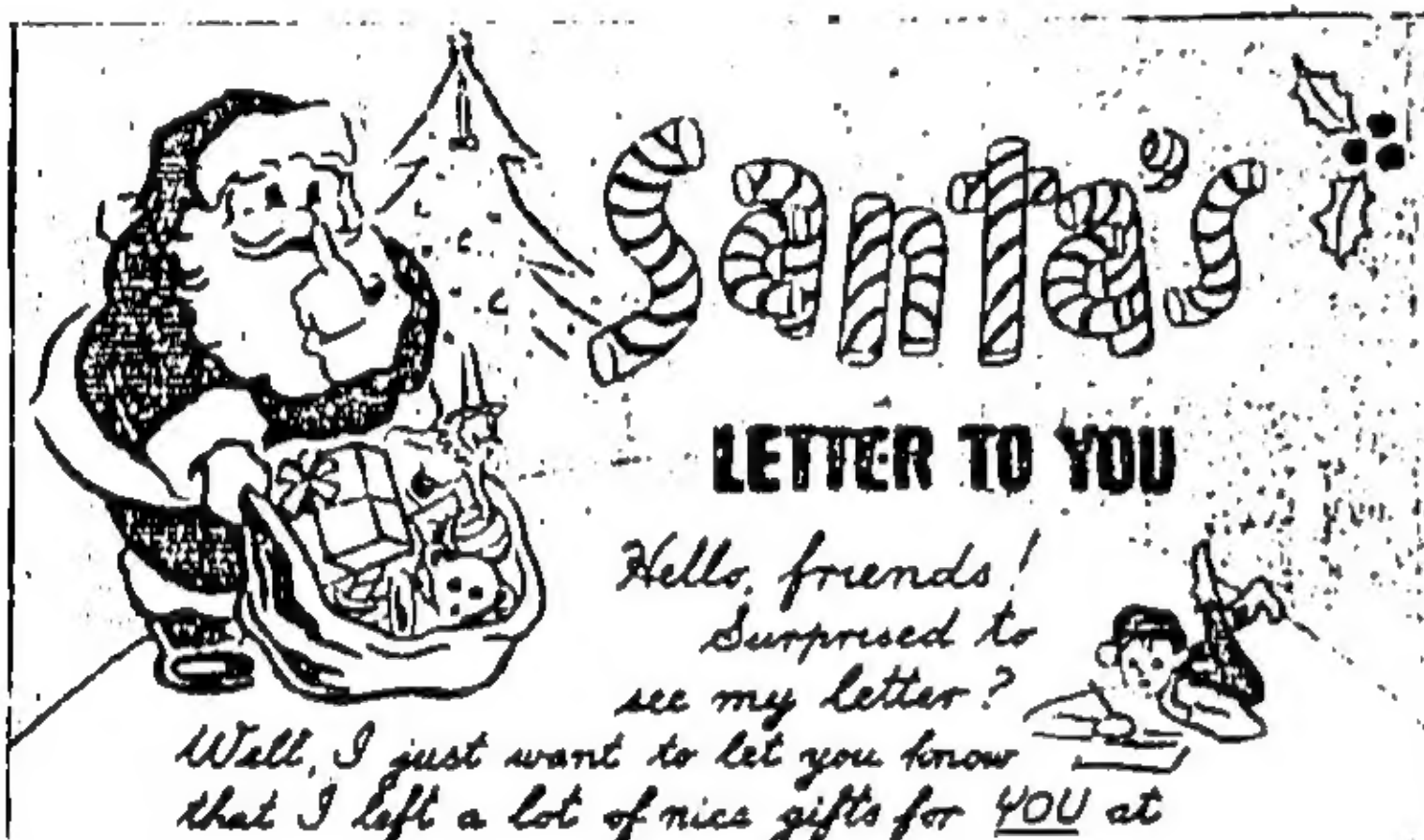
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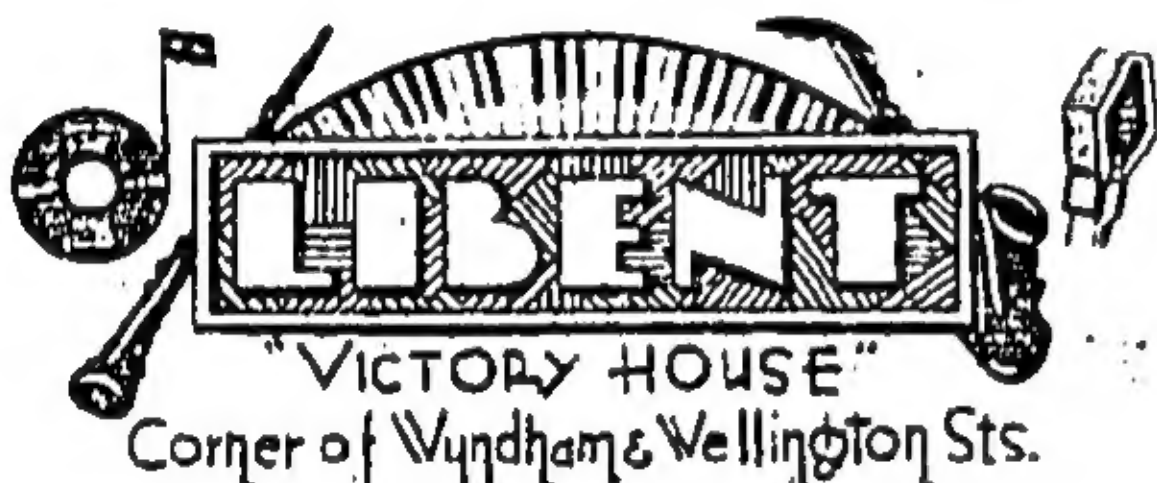
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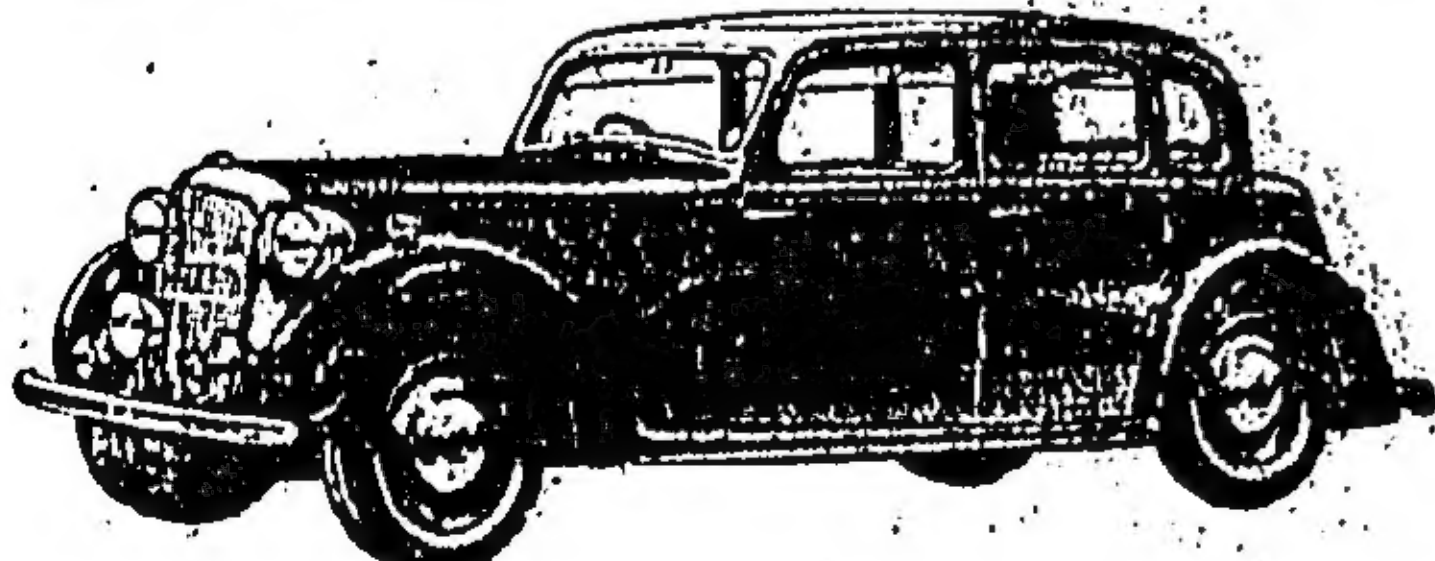


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PARSEE EVICTION CASE TAKES SURPRISE TURN

Eviction proceedings against Homi D. Baldawalla in respect of No. 38 Wyndham Street, first floor, in Tenancy Tribunal "A" took a surprise turn yesterday afternoon when P. K. Pavri, one of the applicants, disclaimed connection with the proceedings. Pavri said that Framroz Pirosha Vasunia, the other applicant named in the action, exceeded his authority when he joined his, Pavri's, name to the proceedings. He objected in principle to evicting a fellow Parsee in the present housing shortage in the Colony.

The case concerns an application for an eviction order against H. D. Baldawalla, tenant of the first floor of No. 38, Wyndham Street, on the ground that he had, without the consent of applicants, transferred the premises to his brother, and had himself removed to No. 14 Stubbs Road. Named as applicants in the action were Framroz Pirosha Vasunia and Pirosha Kewani Pavri. Vasunia sued also in his capacity as executor of the will of (Edulji) Huseinji Mogra. They are joint owners of No. 38 Wyndham Street. Baldawalla claimed that he was and had been since before the occupation, a legal tenant of the premises and that he had never transferred the tenancy or any part thereof. Mr. P. C. Woo presided as magistrate. Mr. Marcus da Silva represented the applicants, and Mr. J. L. d'Alton, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, was counsel for Baldawalla. Mr. d'Alton said he had subpoenaed P. K. Pavri, one of the applicants, to give evidence to show that he was not a consenting party to the present proceedings and that Mr. Silva was representing him. Earlier in the proceedings Mr. d'Alton objected to an application made by Mr. Silva to bring in affidavits on the ground of irrelevancy. He said they were relevant to a certain O.J. action only. Mr. Silva replied that they were extremely relevant to his case and would prove that Baldawalla did part possession of the premises to his brother. The application was granted. Further hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on January 3.

Knew Only Recently

Pavri informed the tribunal that he knew of the proceedings only recently. Before he left for England in April, he was told by Vasunia that a notice was being sent to Baldawalla to get back the premises. The application was made while he was away, and when he came back in August, he was informed by Vasunia that Court action had been taken, but he was not aware of its exact nature.

He had never given instructions for these proceedings, nor had he instructed Mr. Silva to represent him, either directly or through Vasunia.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness said his objection to these proceedings was based on the principle that under present circumstances no Parsee should throw a fellow Parsee out into the street. His further objection was that K. E. Mogra and his family, for whom he understood the premises were intended when vacated by Baldawalla, were not permanent residents of Hong Kong.

Friendly Way

The reason for his not objecting to getting back the premises in the first place, when told by Vasunia, was that he thought they would be got back in a friendly way, such as giving the tenant more time or some other help. He never imagined that the matter would be taken to Court.

He denied that before he left for England he had left the matter of Baldawalla's eviction entirely in the hands of Vasunia, though he agreed that for the last

Cathedral's New Altar

To mark the close association between the Royal Navy and St. John's Cathedral a new high altar, to be dedicated at this morning's service, has been presented to the Dean and Chapter for the Cathedral. The altar, made of teak, has two emblems traditionally connected with the Royal Navy and H.M. Dockyards—the Naval Crown and the Anchor—on the front. Mainly handwork, the altar was made by Chinese workmen of the Joiners' Shop at the Naval Dockyard. The design by Mr. C. L. Keller is based on the altar in Bath Abbey.

26 years he had left the management of the property to Vasunia. Mr. Silva: I put it to you, Mr. Pavri, that your present evidence is dictated by malice against Mogra—No. And that malice arose out of an action taken by Mogra against you in 1941 for a sum of HK\$100,000—Definitely not. I had a counter-claim against him for the same amount. Mr. Silva's cross examination of witness was continued more than once by tiffs between counsel when Mr. d'Alton frequently interposed with objections on the ground of irrelevancy. Mr. Silva also drew the Court's attention to what he termed impertinence on the part of witness when answering questions.

Irrelevant Grounds

Earlier in the proceedings Mr. d'Alton objected to an application made by Mr. Silva to bring in affidavits on the ground of irrelevancy. He said they were relevant to a certain O.J. action only.

Mr. Silva replied that they were extremely relevant to his case and would prove that Baldawalla did part possession of the premises to his brother. The application was granted. Further hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on January 3.

The annual general meeting of the general committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals (Netherlands Hospital) will be held tomorrow at 5.30 at the Netherlands Hospital, Bonham Road.

Banishment Order In Radio Case

Three Chinese, who admitted that they came to the Colony for the express purpose of setting up a radiocommunication station to work in conjunction with another station at Swatow, were ordered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to be banished for five years.

Tsui Chuk-shan, pleading guilty to the counts of maintaining the station at 36 Pau Cheung Street, first floor, on December 13, and of possession of the wireless set, was also fined \$2,500 or six months' hard labour.

Wan Man, the messenger and accountant of the station, was fined \$1,500, or five months' imprisonment on the maintenance charges and Low Hung, pleading guilty to operating a telephone at 348 Matuawei Road, ground floor, in conjunction with the wireless station at Pau Cheung Street, was mulcted in the sum of \$1,000, or three months' hard labour.

When the police party, under Detective Sub-Inspector A. L. Gordon of the Special Branch, went to the Pau Cheung Street address on the afternoon of December 13 they found the door closed against them. They also heard a lot of commotion inside the flat where they announced that they were police officers.

Breaking open the door, DSI Gordon saw the transmission set in operation. No one was in the cubicle but Inspector Leo saw the first accused going out of the open window.

Posted Round House

DSI Gordon, who prosecuted, here added that, before the raid, detectives were posted all around the house. When Inspector Leo and himself went downstairs they found a male person in the custody of Detective Lai Wai, and Wan in the custody of Detective

Elre To Have Consulate In Hong Kong

A Consulate for Elre will probably be established in Hong Kong shortly, the "Sunday Herald" learned reliably yesterday. The proposal to establish a Consulate at Hong Kong is a result of the cancellation of the External Affairs Act by Elre recently.

Art Show At Hotel Cecil

A five-day exhibition of water colour and oil paintings by Professor Chow Po-chow, of the National Hangchow School of Fine Arts, will open today at Hotel Cecil at 10 a.m. The display includes more than 80 paintings of scenery depicting true scenes of life in Peking, Nanking, Soochow, Hangchow and Formosa.

Born in 1904, at Pingho Hsien, Southern Fukien, Professor Chow started his studies at Amoy in 1921. He studied under Monsieur E. Laurent at the School of Fine Arts, Paris, and other famous artists in France. Professor Chow spent six years in France. In 1930, Professor Chow returned to China, and taught at the School of Fine Arts, Amoy. Before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, he had taught at the Shanghai School of Fine Arts, Hangchow. The hostilities interrupted his work, and he was forced to return to Amoy to continue his work there. In autumn last year, he returned to Hangchow where he became the Secretary and also assumed a Professorship in the National Hangchow School of Fine Arts.

Personalia

Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, expected to arrive in the Colony on January 4. He will stay at Government House.

Mr. S. L. Farin, District Commissioner for Kowloon, and Mr. Stephen Wong, District Scoutmaster for Hong Kong, will leave by air tomorrow for the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Australia.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mrs. F. S. Taylor, Mrs. M. G. McLay, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Messrs. C. Jenkins, Mr. S. Bloch, Fou Pang, M. Hirst, A. E. Hughes, D. F. Reeves, M. E. Woodall, A. Mojon and C. E. Hall.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watson, Dr. (Mrs.) E. A. Etlinger, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. I. Miller, Messrs. C. Yu, J. B. L. Elliot, G. B. Read, J. C. A. Chen, T. M. Beni, G. L. Beni, W. T. Thomas, and Park, Sel-young.

Mr. J. Mary, arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by Air France.

Mrs. Wang Yui-mui, Mrs. J. M. Pang, Messrs. B. M. Pau, M. Valas, M. Biron, M. Pauvau, Ling Fong-pao, S. L. Shu and M. Hetherington left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

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GOLD BAR IN HER HANDBAG

An outgoing passenger, Chan Wan-ching, was found to have a two-ounce gold bar in her handbag when searched at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Friday. At Kowloon yesterday, Mr. W. H. Latimer ordered the gold to be confiscated. Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.



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The Cricket Club

Sir,—All my life I have been an ardent cricketer. When I left England a short time ago I was and had been for many years a member of the Committee of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club. I attach perhaps an exaggerated importance to the value of the game. Every one tells me, and I believe them, that the Hong Kong cricket club is and always has been outstanding in personalities of high value and capable of making their mark in almost any company. It is for these reasons that I am anxious to see them taking what I believe to be the only really helpful line on the matter of the Hong Kong Defence Force and maintaining their right to lead.

With real deference, and complete respect, I suggest that they will do so if they follow their natural instincts as players of the game of cricket.

There are two separate issues. The first is whether the Hong Kong Cricket Club, with its real prestige, should go out of its way to support the Government of Hong Kong, something more than the head of the Government, in his appeal to his community to back and support him in the matter of the Hong Kong Defence Force. Its instinct will be to do so and I am convinced that it will in fact do so. The reply is short and unequivocal. "We endorse the appeal of the Government of Hong Kong and shall without reserve, without condition, and as of course, do everything in our power to further it."

The second issue is separate and distinct. It is whether, for the purposes of the Defence Force, it is necessary to move the Club from its present ground and whether or not now and 1950 some way of avoiding it cannot be found. To many people the cricket ground is the most soothing and restful place in all Hong Kong. The use of it for the purposes of cricket, with a valuable social club adjoining in no way detracts from its value as an open space—quite the contrary. The Hong Kong cricket club have been generous and courteous hosts and the best of Trustees.

All of this I am convinced will be agreed. In any representations that it thinks fit to make in this direction the Club will have strong backing.

Personally I should forgive the cricket club if (as need not be anticipated), by failing in its representations, it deprived myself of a restful and delightful spot presided over by people who understand the meaning of a Trust. I could not, however, forgive the Government if it failed even slightly in the matter of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

What I call the first issue must come first. The second issue, however, is also of real and quite obvious importance.

CHARLES LOSEBY

Money Market

Gold was firmer yesterday, opening at HK\$295.75 a tael and closing at 25 cents lower, after it had gone up to \$296.50.

U.S. dollars were unchanged from the previous day at HK\$5.05 1/2.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 8.7 cents for spot in Hong Kong, a cent lower for Canton remittances, and 8.3 cents for Shanghai remittances.

Pineapples, continuing its non stop fall, were down to HK\$6.95 a 100 yesterday, after opening at \$7.40.

Teas were higher at HK\$25.30 a 100.

NET. Guilders dropped to HK\$33.10 a 100.

Sterling was again unchanged at HK\$14.75, as were also Australian pounds at HK\$12.66.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H), 50, Macdonnell Road, at 4.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include L'Apprenti Sorcier—Dukas, Song of the Flea—Moussorgsky, La Calunnia—Rossini, Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini—Rachmaninoff, "Scheherazade" Suite—Rimsky-Korsakov.

CAUGHT OUT BY FINGER PRINTS

When Ng Cheung was brought to the Yau-mat Police Station in the afternoon of December 16, to be charged with burglary and larceny, he gave his age as 16, and was, accordingly, booked as a juvenile.

His finger-prints were sent to the Identification Bureau where it was found that, on his previous conviction for larceny from the person on August 20, he stated that he was born in 1931.

Instead of being brought before the Juvenile Court at Kowloon yesterday, Ng found himself before Mr. W.H. Latimer and, on his pleading guilty to the charge, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Inspector J. Orem said that at 4.40 a.m. on December 16, defendant broke the wire used to fasten the main door of an unnumbered house on K.L.L. 96, Ash Street occupied by L.A. Pink, and stole a hammer, a spanner, a jack, a saw and a pair of pliers.

At 4 p.m. the same day, he was arrested by Detective-constable 987 at Reclamation Street, near Wile Street. On information supplied by him, the detective went to 488 Reclamation Street, first floor, where Wong Lam said that the articles were sold to him for \$6 by accused.

Inspector Orem added that when defendant was convicted last August, as a juvenile, he was ordered to receive 10 strokes of the cane.

GRAVE OFFENCE ALLEGATION

Brought on remand before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Yu Shuk-choi of 103 Chungshing Road, first floor, was remanded until 11 a.m. on January 3, 1949.

Yu is being charged with attempted curial knowledge of a 11-year-old girl at his address and, alternatively, indecently assaulting her. On his being charged before the court on December 15, Yu claimed that the girl is his daughter and that the charge is a frame-up.

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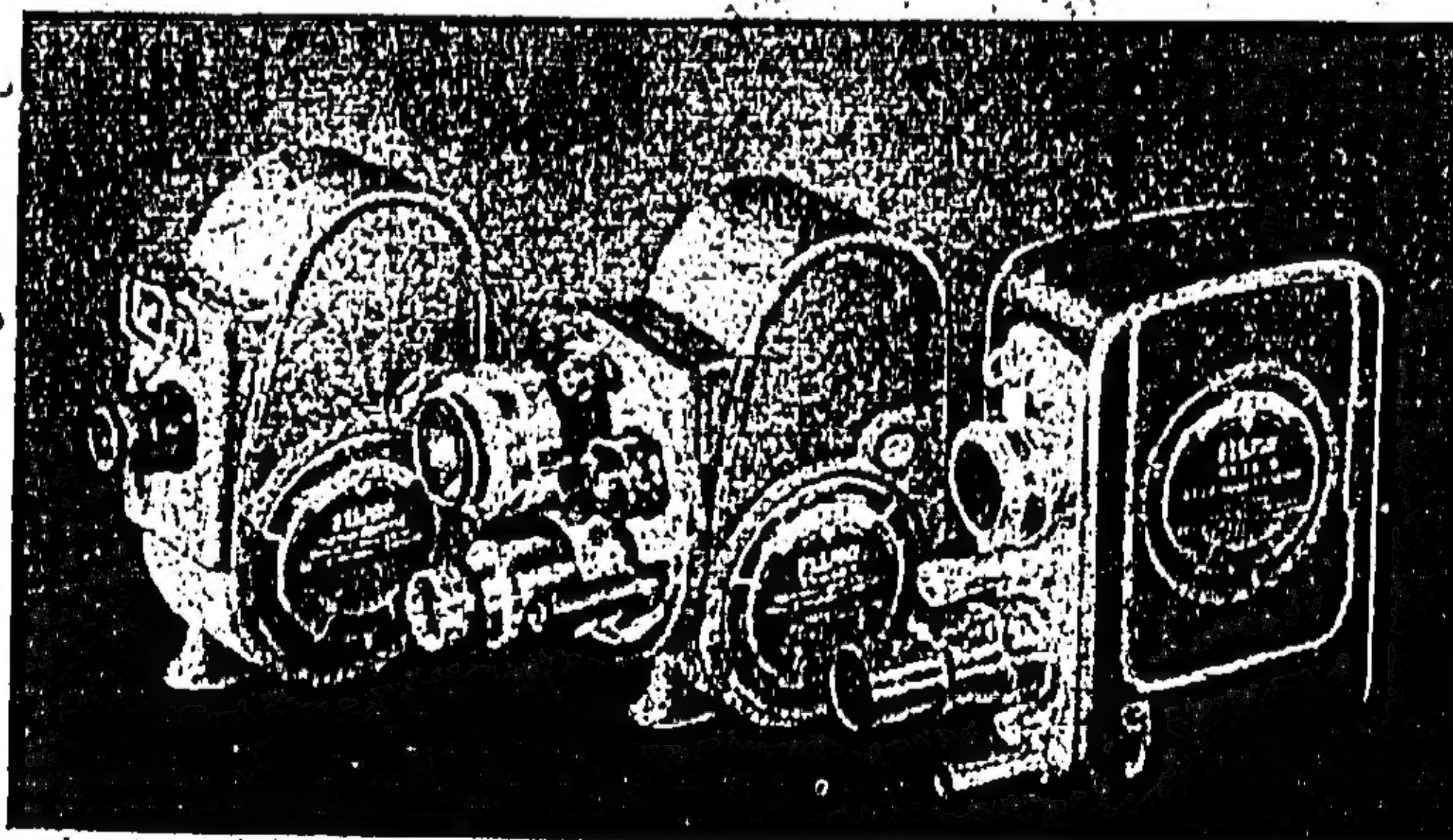
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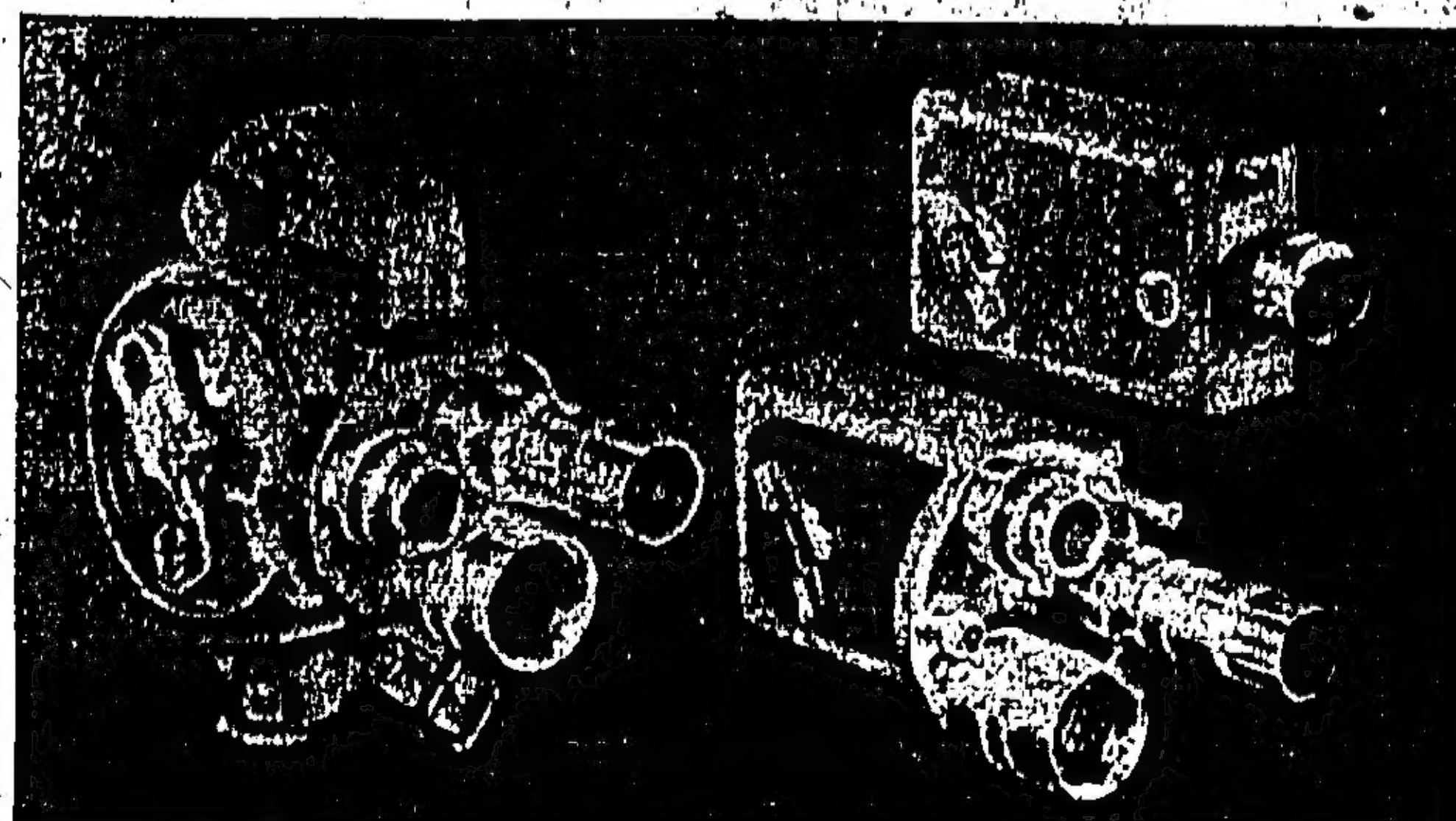
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THE WAY TO STOP RUSSIA -- WITHOUT A WAR

The greatest problem in the world today is how to stop Russia without having a Third World War. It is now well known that the 14 men of the Kremlin have a fanatical determination to spread their Communist autocracy all over the world. They must start by subjugating the whole of Europe and our country. Their plan was to achieve this aim by infiltration methods and cold warfare. They met with great success. A large part of Europe is at their feet. There is now, however, a determined intention on the part of the Western Nations to stop further success by these tactics.

They are beginning to raise the necessary troops for this purpose and Regular forces are what we need for this type of work. We may be too late. It may happen that Russia will succeed in extending her hold on Europe before she can be stopped, but I do not think she will get very far. Russia will then be held and it is unlikely that any major war will have been provoked.

Russia will remain just as intent as ever to subjugate the world, and at this stage she will turn every effort on to the preparations for a Third World War when she is ready in about five years' time.

After forces are at present equipped on a second-class scale. They will not be on a first-class scale even in five years' time, but they will be much improved, and Russia may then have the atom bomb and other modern weapons.

Slave Army

Up to now the Western Nations have considered that, when this time comes, we will have to fight the Russian Empire in order to save the freedom of the world. If the Russian people were unanimous in support of the aims of the Communist leaders this would be true, but what is the real position? Is it true to say that our opponents are the Communist leaders and not the mass of the Russian people?

I have travelled over many parts of Russia from the Ukraine in the South to the Northern steppes round Archangel. Wherever I went I found the same kind and friendly people that one meets anywhere else in the world. I never met any Russians who had the slightest desire to conquer lands that belonged to other people.

I also found an intense dislike of the overbearing Communist dictatorship by a majority of these people. At first sight this may appear impossible, for if that is their feeling why do they not express their views and demand a change.

The answer, of course, lies in the existence of the secret police. A Russian has only to criticize the Communist leaders on a few occasions to be sent to join the slave army. This slave army is one of the most terrible sights in the world. I have seen parties of these slaves in many different parts of Russia. The misery on their faces is beyond description.

Hate Leaders

An armed guard accompanies them as they march through the streets in their work. If this happened in our country the populace would tear down the guards and free the slaves. The strength of the Russian Slave Army is some 6,000,000 souls.

It must not be forgotten that there is also another side to this story. Although the majority of the people hate the Communist leaders, the Russian is a great patriot. The splendid fighting qualities of the Russian soldiers whom I

saw in Russia during the war were obviously the result of intense patriotism. A determination to fight for the fatherland seems to be innate in every Russian, regardless of the part of the country from which he comes. The Communist leaders have made full use of these qualities. They have succeeded in persuading large numbers of Russians that their country is in danger, and that the capitalist countries of the West are determined to subjugate Russia.

What To Do

As a result of the mass of the people work hard at industry and agriculture. They accept the present standard of living, which is lower than that which existed in the Czarist days. Of course, the more educated Russians realize that this is complete nonsense. They know full

By Lt-General Sir GIFFARD MARTEL
Who Was Head Of The British Military Mission In Russia During The War.

well that no country has the slightest desire to attack Russia provided her leaders cease their present unscrupulous activities. Such people are not, however, prepared to take the personal risk of preaching the truth to the mass of the people.

Our course of action is therefore clear. We are right to build up our forces in preparation for this Third World War, and in co-operation with America and the Western Nations.

It is unlikely, however, that such action will deter Russia from fighting for her fanatical cause so long as the country supports the Communist leaders. If this war takes place, in say five years' time, we can be certain of eventual victory if we have made the necessary preparations, but that victory will be at the cost of terrible destruction to the world.

It has, of course, been suggested that we should attack Russia in the near future, and before she has the atom bomb. We could do so and carry out great destruction to her industry and oil-fields, but would not this make the Russians still more determined to support the Communist leaders in a patriotic war which they would launch against us at some later date?

Does this mean that there is no way to avoid this terrible Third World War? Certainly not, but the task lies in divorcing the support of the mass of the Russian people from their present Communist leaders. Many Russians who know the present-day conditions are convinced that this can be achieved.

This work falls into two parts. First, it will be necessary by every form of true propaganda to make it clear to the Russian people that their country is not threatened by any other nation, provided the Communist leaders cease their present threats against the rest of the world.

Radio An Aid

I believe that we have now overcome the technical difficulties and can broadcast on the short wavelengths to the Russian sets which were intended to be only capable of hearing what was

put out from Russian stations. These have been issued in large numbers to the people. Just think of the effect of true information sent out in this way to the Russian people.

It is unlikely, however, that the spreading of this truth will alone be sufficient to enable the people to overthrow the evil and unpopular Communist regime. The second part of this work will lie in assisting the people to achieve this result.

The Russian people will need leadership in this work. Some of the countries which are behind the Iron Curtain will need the assistance of forces from the Western nations to enable them to regain their liberty. For this work we shall again need Regular troops. Resistance movements will have to be raised in Russia against the Communist leaders.

These movements already exist in many places. A complete programme will have to be prepared for co-ordination of these lines. This is only what Russia has been doing to the rest of the world ever since the war.

First Priority

Our conclusion is therefore now quite clear. The first priority in all our undertakings must go to the work of spreading the truth to the Russian people and enabling them to overthrow the Communist Government.

Of course, it is essential to raise our defence forces as well in case we fail at this work, but it is only by overthrowing the Communist leaders that we can avoid all the terrible destruction of a Third World War. This is by far the most important task that faces the world today.

BOY MEETS GIRL



FIGHT FOR THE SOUL OF PARTY

By L.D. GAMMANS, MP

Who is going to win the fight for the soul of the Labour Party—the Wild Men or the Mild Men? At the moment there is every indication that it is the Wild Men who are going to put their foot on the accelerator and take their hands off the brake.

Three and a half years of Socialism have shown that there are really three distinct sections of the amorphous and leaderless political mass of the Socialists. The first section are a number of men and women with mad, woolly, and often self-contradictory ideas.

Cup Of Tea

There are those who believe they could persuade Stalin to become a respectable member of the Fabian Society if only they could sit down and have a cup of tea with him.

There is the anti-American clique who only come down to earth at meal-times, when they are prepared to swallow their pride along with the food that American capitalism supplies.

Do these people count in Socialist politics? Not much.

Occasionally a political bone has to be thrown to them, but the Cabinet knows that in anything which really matters, like foreign affairs, defence, and security, they can always rely on Conservative Party support.

The second section of the Socialist Party are certainly not mad. They know what they want, and that is power, and they are determined to get it.

It is this lust for power at all costs and by any means which is the real motive behind the Iron and Steel Bill.

By a lucky dispensation of Providence no potential totalitarian can resist the impulse to boast.

The avowed determination to eliminate the middle class, the individual shopkeeper, and the small property owner—Mr. Shingwell's "linker's class," Mr. Arthur Bevan's "vermin," and "We are the masters now" of Sir Hartley Shawcross—here is the true philosophy of those who lust for power, and absolute and permanent power at that.

Then there are the third section—the Sad. These are the men who quite honestly and genuinely believed that Socialism was not only a new economic order, but a new, idealistic approach to life.

The Fat Jobs

They were, perhaps, a bit simple and naïve—they honestly believed that Socialism meant the equality of man and that nationalisation implied the control of industry by the workers and not fat jobs for trade union bosses.

Their ideas of Socialism, based as they were to a large extent on the best of Nonconformity, did not include the bitterness of class hatred, the ruthlessness of power-lust, and certainly did not foresee

the inclusion in the party ranks both of self-seeking opportunists and of those who love every country but their own.

But what are these men to do? It takes moral courage and financial independence to sever one's connection with the party of one's lifelong adherence.

Not many men can afford to follow the path of Ivor Thomas and Alfred Edwards, and so the Sad walk sadly into the Lobby, trying not to think too hard about all that is happening, and pretending to see in the shrewd eyes of Herbert Morrison, the Master-Mechanic of the party machine, the vision which inspired Kier Hardie and the genial benevolence which animated old George Lansbury.

These simple souls remind you of those monks in Far Tibet who spend their days twiddling a sacred prayer wheel.

When the Sad are obviously appalled by a particular piece of party jobbery (they are shocked to the core about some present proceedings), they reel back for a moment, but very soon the low hum of the whizzing Socialist prayer wheels can be heard in the sacred ranks of the simple back-benchers.

Where does Sir Stafford Cripps come in all this? He is in a class by himself. Does (or could) he fit into any of these three?

'Sense Of Shame'

Before the war Sir Stafford certainly expressed revolutionary views which differed little from the avowed aims of Communism. He talked about "the top-follery of Jubilees and Coronations," put on record his "sense of shame" at the existence of the British Empire and his belief "that it might not be a bad thing for the British working class if Germany defeated us."

Most people have forgotten these things. Those of us who remembered them hoped they were just the follies of an irresponsible past. But recent events make us wonder on which side Sir Stafford would stand if it really came to a showdown with those who seek to impose a Totalitarian Terror on Britain.

'Violent Means'

There is his statement on the nationalisation of iron and steel that if Democracy did not assert its rights the ugly alternative will be that any such change which is likely to occur must be brought about by other and more violent means.

Then until this week he refused to allow money raised in this country to go to France to put up a memorial to the West Yorkshire Division, while being fully willing to release foreign currency to subsidise the Communist-led coal strike in that country.

My own conviction is that, with or without Cripps, the Socialist Party is galloping to destruction. Better beware lest they carry this rest of us with them.

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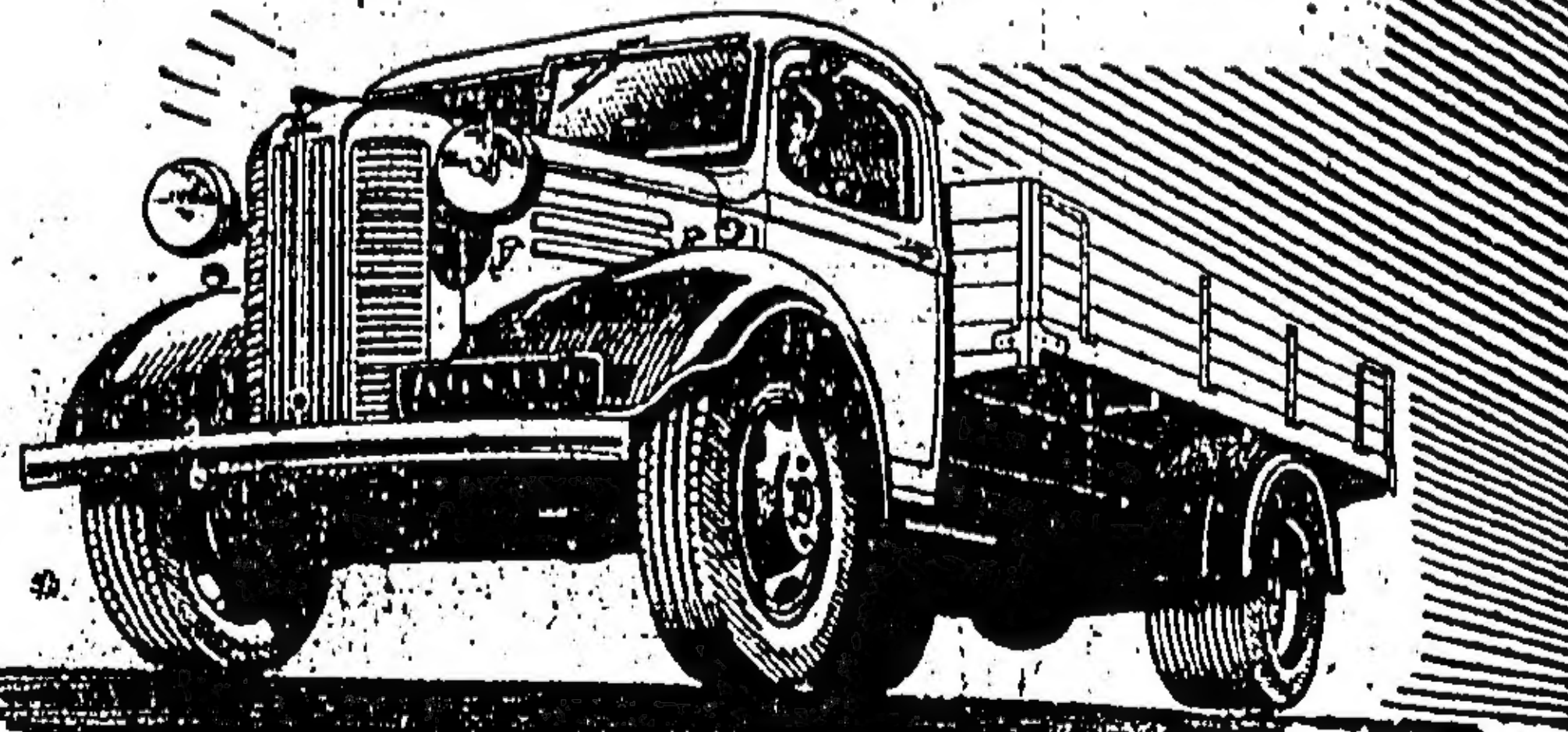
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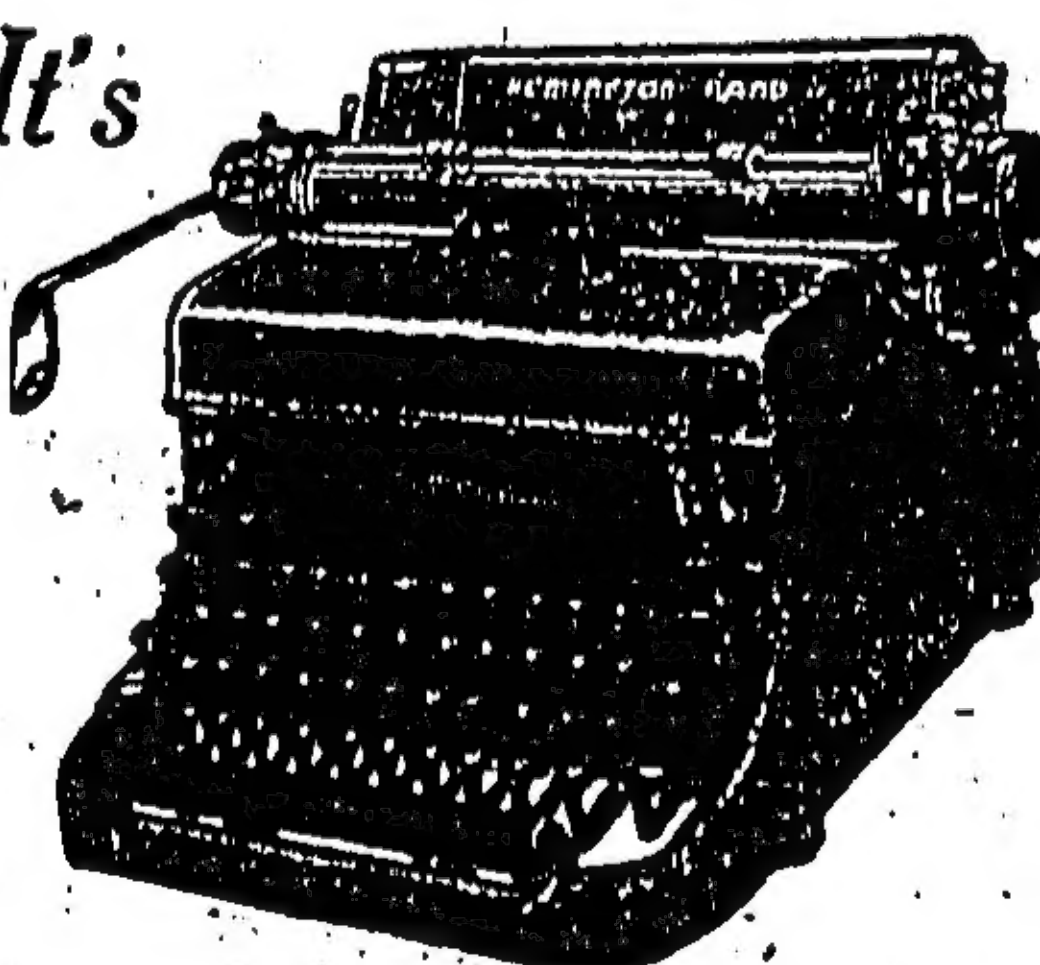
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COMMISSION ADOPTS FRENCH BUDGET BILL

Paris, December 17.

The Finance Commission of the French National Assembly today adopted the 1949 Budget Bill, with important amendments, by 22 votes to 16, with three abstentions.

The Socialists, Popular Republicans, and some Radicals and Moderates voted for the bill and the Gaullists, Communists and some Radicals and Moderates opposed it.

The bill fixes the maximum public expenditure for the fiscal year of 1949.

The Commission's main amendment was a proposal to block provisionally 30 per cent of the credits which are to be unlocked by a special law by March 31 next.

Tax Amnesty Out

To obtain the passage of this law, if the Commission's present draft goes through, the Government will have to present the Assembly with an account of the economies effected and of the organization of the nationalized industries.

The Government's proposal for a 100,000 million franc loan and for new taxes to be imposed by decree if the loan is not subscribed by next July were also retained but the proposal for a tax amnesty for subscribers was rejected.

A proposal to pay certain war damage claims by an issue of bonds to the value of 60,000 million francs was also cut out.

The Commission rejected the Government's proposal for a 10 per cent increase on all taxes, but retained that for a 20 per cent increase in the production tax.

By Economics

In the Government's draft these two proposals were intended to raise 135,000 million francs towards the 615,000 million francs required for the capital investment, and special reconstruction programme.

The 20 per cent increase in the production tax is estimated to provide 60,000 million francs. The Commission sug-

gested the Government should obtain the remainder of the 135,000 million francs by economies.

The ordinary budget for the fiscal year of 1949 is fixed by the bill at 1,250,000 million francs of this sum, civil expenditure accounts for 750,000 million francs, military estimates 350,000 million francs and civil reconstruction and equipment 150,000 million francs.—Reuter.

Expenses Paid For Jurors

London, December 17.

British Jurors, hitherto unable to claim payment for expenses when serving on juries, are to be paid in future.

It is proposed under a Bill published today that they should get ten shillings for four hours' loss of earnings and £1 for over four hours plus travelling and subsistence allowances.

The cost, estimated at an average of £2 for each juror, is to be borne by the local authorities with the help from Government grants.—Reuter.

British Purchases From Norway To Increase

London, December 17.

Conversations lasting a week between British and Norwegian trade delegations ended in London tonight. The delegates estimated that Britain would buy more from Norway next year, including increased quantities of pulp and timber, the Economic Information Unit of the Treasury announced.

The two delegations thought that Norway's purchases from the sterling area during 1949 would probably exceed the amount of her exports to that area.

It was agreed to waive the right which both countries had, under the supplementary monetary agreement which expires on November 7, 1950, to require a settlement in gold above a certain limit, and that the obligation of the Norwegian Government to maintain minimum sterling balances of £22 million would also lapse.

British Exports

The Norwegian delegation was headed by Mr. C. Brinch.

It was thought that the difference between the amount of sterling spent by Norway in 1949 and her sterling earnings in that year would not be very great, an authoritative source stated here tonight.

In the nine months ending September 30, 1948, Britain exported to Norway goods (including ships built by Britain on Norwegian account) valued at £22,174,241 and bought from Norway £12,902,062 worth.

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11.00 a.m.—Organ Recital by Dr. Harold Darke from St. Michael's Church, Cornhill. (H.K.T.)

11.15 a.m.—Relay of the Service from the English Methodist Church, Pancher: The Rev J.E. Sandbach.

p.m.—London Studio Melodies Continuous Music by Mantovani & Orch. (H.K.T.)

12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.

12.40 p.m.—"Greeting with Wishes" (O.K.B.)

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—A Popular Concert.

2.10 p.m.—Close Down.

2.55 p.m.—Programme Summary.

3.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)

4.15 p.m.—Melodious Melody played by the New Mayfair Orchestra.

4.30 p.m.—George Melachrino and His Orchestra. (H.K.T.)

4.40 p.m.—"World and Home News" (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"Melodious Melody" A Review of The Week's Programmes. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—The Noel Coward Programme presented by Noel Coward.

p.m.—"From the Editor's" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—"ITMA" with Tommy Handley. (London Relay)

8.45 p.m.—The University Programme Law No. 4, "Common Law" by Professor A.L. Goodhart. (H.K.T.)

9.05 p.m.—Symphony Concert. Schumann: Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 120. London Symphony Orch. Mendelssohn: Concerto in E Minor for Violin and Orchestra. Joseph Sibel and London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News. Rel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Symphony Concert. (Cont'd) Richard Strauss: Symphony "Don Quixote". Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 p.m.—Ballade conducted by the Rev. G. Hutt-Jones. S.C.F. (Studio)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

clause in the supplementary monetary agreement requiring payment in gold of amounts owed by other countries over £1 million, it was understood here.—Reuter.

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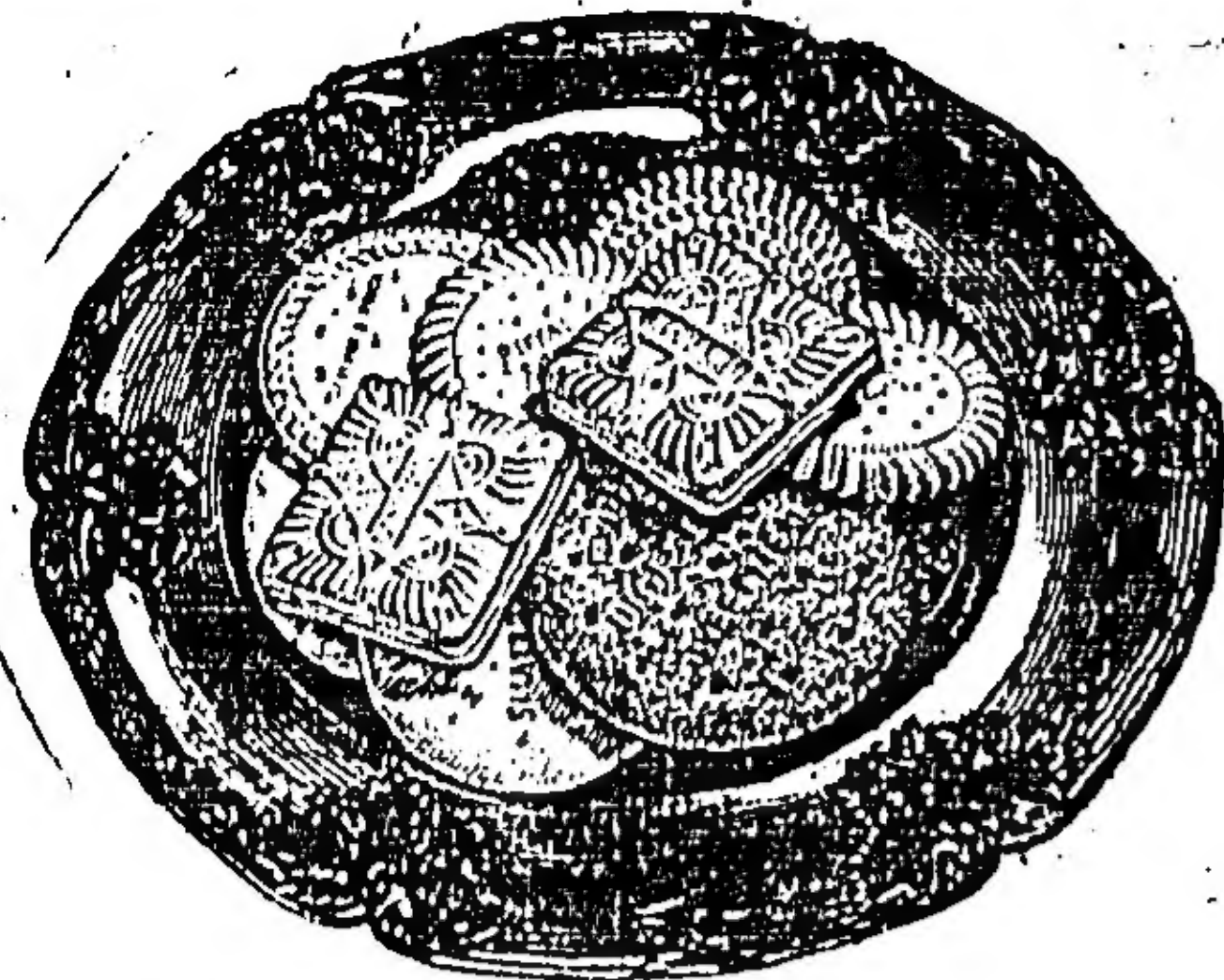
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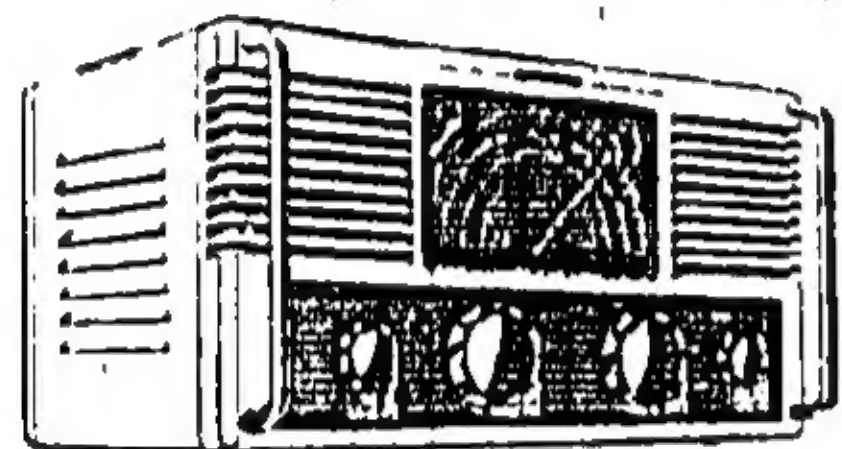
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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Interesting mail the other morning. Three letters in the box. The first was addressed to "Miss T. Henderson." I examined the envelope again. The right flat number and everything.

I had a quick look round—kitchen, sitting-room, bath-room. No Miss Henderson. I stepped in over night. I put the letter on one side.

The second letter was from the London County Council. They thanked me for the gift of baby clothes, and assured me that they would be forwarded to the proper quarter without delay.

I leant out of bed. Just a fraction, to see myself in the mirror. I thought I might suddenly have turned into someone else, but it was all right. Same dear face and faithful eyes.

I opened the third letter. It began:

"DEAR SIR,—We recently wrote to you at your private address, but unfortunately the letter was returned, as you will see by the enclosed envelope."

I looked at the enclosed envelope. It had been returned all right, from somewhere in Berkshire.

I read on, with increasing uneasiness:

"We are therefore writing to you through your paper in the hope that this will reach you. As you know, your SS car is completed, and we enclose herewith complete statement of your outstanding account. We shall be very glad if you will kindly settle this as soon as possible, and also if you could arrange to collect the car, as we are badly in need of the space which it is occupying. Up to date we have not made any charge for storage, but as from November 1 we shall have to make a charge, and we shall, therefore, appreciate your instructions per return."

The letter was signed by the general manager of a garage in London. I looked more closely—Cheltenham.

I examined the bill. It was rather a surprise. I seemed to be in it right up to the neck.

I had my radiator removed and repaired by a specialist. A new fan belt had been fitted. They'd even re-wired my dynamo, and supplied me with a replacement battery. The whole thing came to £12 9s. 10d.

But this was not all. A further sum of £32 2s. 7d. was owing for previous services rendered, making a grand total of £44 12s. 5d. I checked it. The addition, at least, was correct.

I lay back in the bed. What in the world was going on? Everything was turning inside out. One person thought I was Miss T. Henderson; the London County Council believed I'd been sending their baby clothes to be forwarded to the proper quarter; and now a man I'd never heard of was crediting me with the ownership of a motor-car in a town I'd never even seen. And all this happening on the same day.

I rang up the garage in Cheltenham. This looked like being the easiest of the three problems to solve.

"Hello," I said. "This is P. Campbell. Look, I've had the most extraordinary assortment of letters this morning. I'm supposed to be Miss T. Henderson. I'm also supposed to have sent a load of baby clothes to the London County Council."

"Could you speak up a little, please? I can't hear what you're saying."

I decided to drop Miss Henderson and the baby clothes. There was no point in over-loading an already cluttered situation.

"You've just sent me a bill for £44 for a car I know nothing about," I roared.

There was a longish pause. "What name did you say, please?"

"Patrick Campbell."

There was a pensive exclamation at the other end, and a faint buzz of conversation.

Then the voice said, "I'm so glad you've got in touch with us. We've been trying to trace you for some time. Can you collect?"

"But I'm not Patrick Campbell!" I cried. "Or at least not your name."

"That's right," said the voice. "You were in here about three months ago."

"Just a minute," I said. I put down the phone. I looked at myself very carefully in the mirror. I even looked at the back of my hands.

"Hello," I said. "I can't be, I mean, I can't be the one who was to give any assistance to China at this juncture may be taken as participation in China's internal affairs."

Such policy is regarded as a "sitting on the fence" policy. From a British viewpoint, it is a reasonable policy. We agree that any nation in Britain's position could do no better.

The views of both officials mentioned above obviously reflect Britain's national policy at the same time. There is no point in finding fault with it. If we should be dissatisfied with it, it would mean that we prefer war to peace.

Kung Sheung Man Po: The British viewpoint is that any aid given to China will not precipitate a war with Soviet Russia. The Soviet is adopting delay tactics to enable her to gain time and allow Fifth Columnists to pave the way by creating trouble and unrest everywhere.

At a time like this, a united Anglo-American policy to aid China should be forthcoming.

If the Soviet is allowed the time she wants, the security of Europe—and British—territories will inevitably be affected.

The British people should look ahead and consider the question from an international viewpoint.

Appreciated
Ta Kung Pao: The outlook of China is precarious, and at a time like this, the actions of foreign countries and the expressions by foreign leaders will have a profound effect on China in the future. Mr. Bevin's recent statement about non-intervention in China's domestic affairs was not only clear but concrete.

It is true that troubles in China during the past century have been closely related to foreign influences. Consequently, the Chinese people distrust and hate foreign intervention in their own affairs.

After the war with Japan, the Chinese people were imbued with confidence in self-reliance. They know well that they themselves only can solve their own problems. This confidence has increased. The speech by Mr. Bevin is undoubtedly welcome and appreciated fully by the Chinese people.

British Policy
Sing Po: Lord Vansittart, former adviser to the British Foreign Office, and Mr. Bevin, both appear to be unanimous in their view regarding Britain's policy toward China.

They are of the opinion that

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Sing Tao Jih Pao: At the opening of Hong Kong's Chinese Products Exhibition, Mr. Shum, who pointed out that the exhibition is mainly to serve as a means for increasing exports of local products by gaining more markets abroad.

Markets in South Africa, India, Siam, Malaya, Java and the Philippines have been neglected through lack of connections. Publicity, therefore, in markets abroad is very essential to the development of the local industries.

Another important point in having the exhibition is that the population in the Colony will be able to see for themselves the variety of goods that are being made right here in Hong Kong. This is especially important in view of the flooding of the markets in Hong Kong and China of American and Japanese manufactured goods.

Hong Kong's industries, obviously, cannot compare with the more advanced factories abroad. Here we are short of raw materials and power, and are not protected by tariffs, the Colony being a free port.

Appreciable progress, however, has been made since the end of the war with the assistance of Government and by the energetic efforts of the manufacturers, despite the destruction of almost all the factories in the Colony as a result of the war.

Hong Kong's manufacturers are still beset by many difficulties. There is keen competition by American and Japanese goods in the market. There is the low purchasing power of consumers in China. There are the controls of foreign exchange. There are high wages and tariffs in the South Seas markets. These are indeed thorny problems.

In their petitions to Government for control of Japanese imported goods, adequate foreign exchange, and low interest loans, etc., the manufacturers have met with little success. Their only alternative now is to depend on their own efforts.

Plans have recently been proposed for the establishment of workers' quarters, to promote education among workers, to provide them with recreation after working hours, to give them medical aid and to educate their children. These proposals war-

rant Government assistance to be carried out on a large scale. Development of Hong Kong's industry depends in some measure also on the conditions in China. War, however, cannot continue for ever. Therefore, it is the local manufacturers can persevere they have a bright future ahead of them.

Immigration
Ta Kung Pao: The continued influx of people into Hong Kong, no doubt, is a stimulant to business. But their presence here has resulted in a crop of problems.

The Colony produces neither food nor water. Fortunately, rice supplies from South East Asia are assured and with the current water restrictions, the danger of a water shortage in the next six months no longer exists.

The most serious of the problems appears to be housing. Despite the law, landlords have been exacting exorbitant charges under various pretexts. Boarding houses and hotels are packed and "key money" has increased considerably.

Government's recent requisitioning of vacant flats is a laudable attempt but the steps taken are not thorough enough. With the coming winter, the cost of living coupled with the acute housing shortage can easily adversely affect local order.

The housing problem can be solved by outlawing "key money" and other similar charges by requisitioning all vacant premises, and by carrying out large-scale construction of residential premises.

There is much idle capital in Hong Kong which can be put to use in the desired direction provided, of course, investors are assured the necessary facilities and land.

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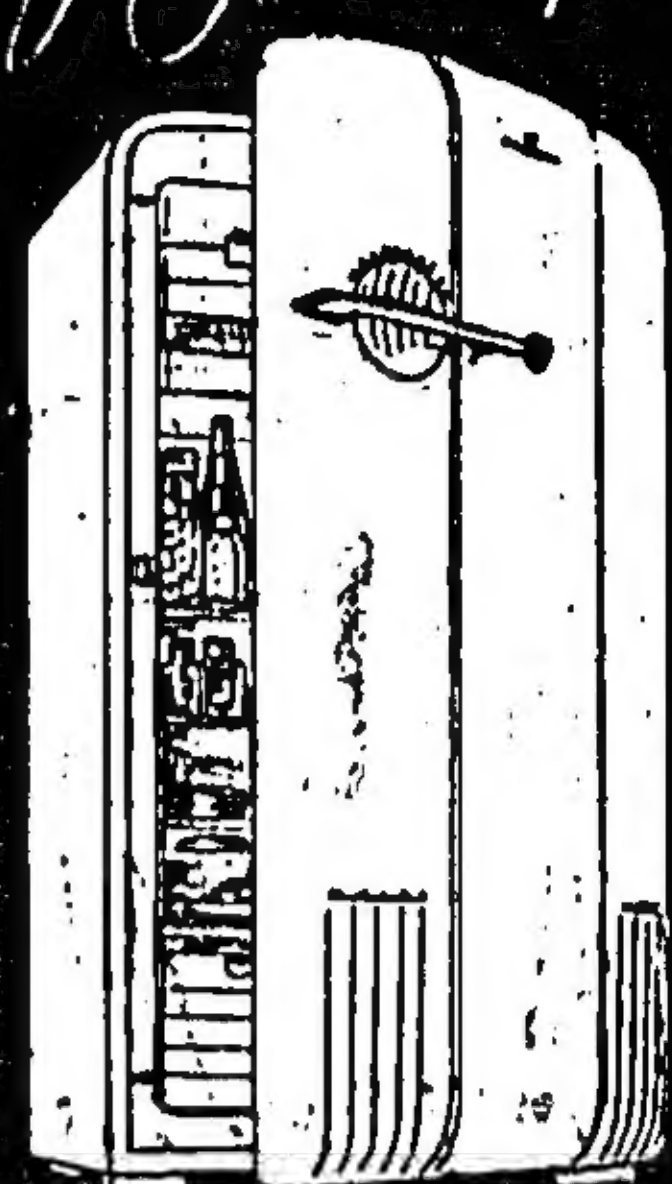
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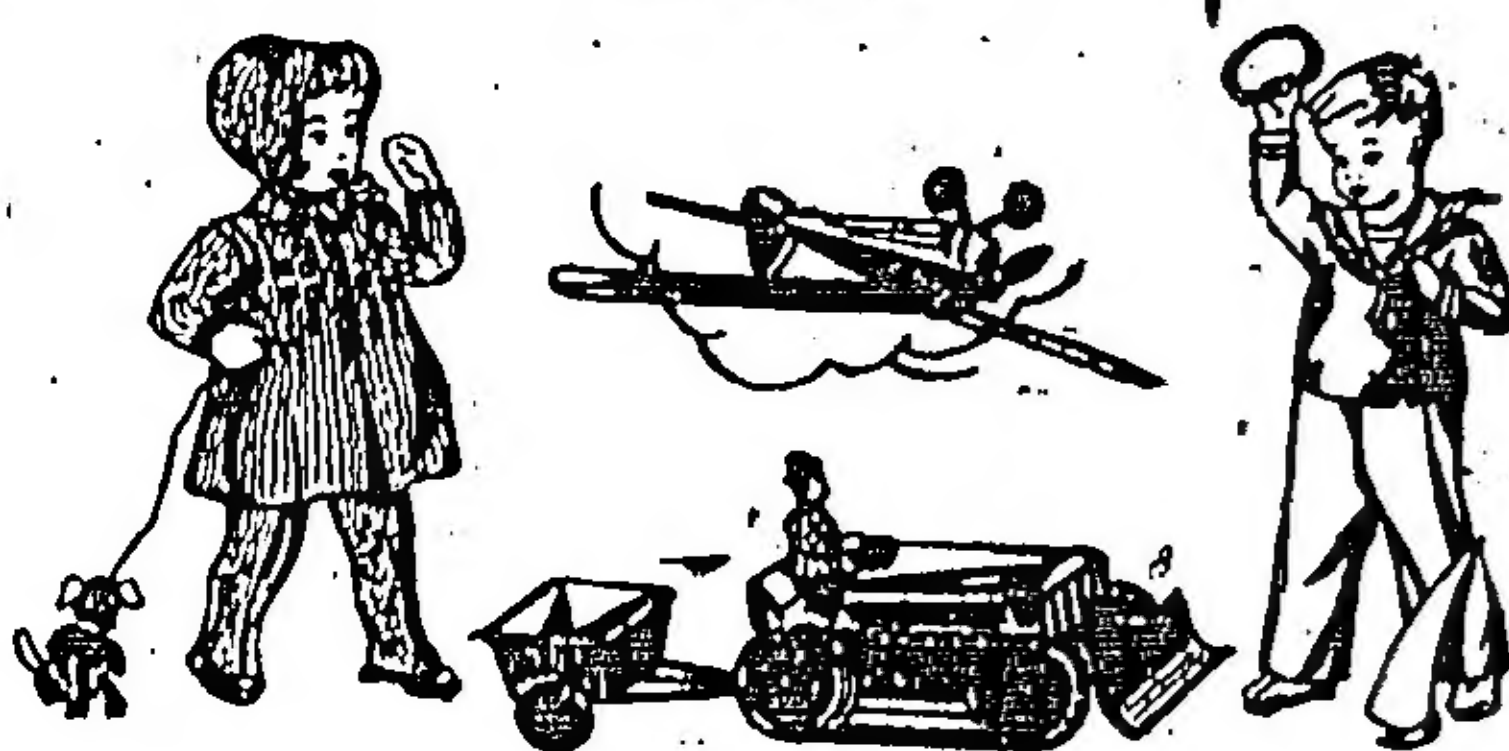
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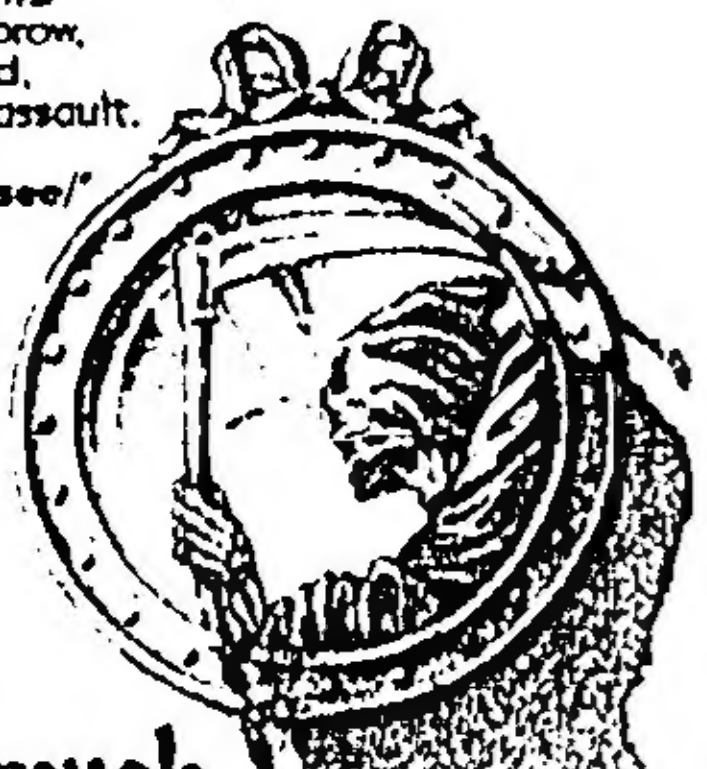
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Rape-Murder Victim May Have Known Man

Agana, Guam, December 17.

The police indicated today that the rape-slayer of Ruth Farnsworth, Navy Civilian employee, may have been a friend or acquaintance whom she trusted.

After questioning and releasing more than 500 men, the police theory is that it was possible Miss Farnsworth knew the identity of her attacker.

The theory was based principally on the evidence that the girl had apparently turned out the lights of the jade store in which she worked and came from behind the counter unarmed to meet him, although a loaded gun was available behind the counter.

She also could have tried to escape through the rear door of the jade shop if she had been frightened upon first seeing the man who was to drag her into the nearby jungle. But there is no evidence that she made a run for the back door.

A police guard was established near the home of Navy Lieutenant Joseph Kerrell, publisher of the Guam News, after he received an anonymous telephone call warning him of the risk of being shot for publicizing the case.

The police have narrowed their search for the killer down to a few suspects. They said that one man who has been questioned thoroughly, has occasional spots where his alibi does not hold.

Harmony In Unity Talks

Paris, December 17.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Britain's chief delegate to the five-power talks here on European unity, declared tonight, "We are halfway across the stream towards a United Europe." "We are working in complete harmony," he added.

Mr. Dalton was addressing reporters on the talks, which have gone on for two weeks between Governmental delegates of the Brussels powers. It was learned that "European Union" had been finally agreed upon by the delegates as the title for the Western European compact of States, expected to be established next summer.

The Foreign Minister of the five powers are expected to meet in London on January 25. Before this delegates of the five powers will probably meet in Paris on January 6 when final Government approval of a "Western European Charter" will be sought.—Reuter.

PASSING THE BUCK IS FLOURISHING BUSINESS

Shanghai, December 18.

A lot of people are learning that it pays to know how to pass the buck out here. Government restrictions have created a flourishing trade in both silver and U.S. dollars. The problem confronting those with either of these to sell is where to get the best rate.

Although conviction on a charge of black market currency operations carries with it a penalty of up to seven years imprisonment, that does not deter those who want to buy U.S. or silver dollars to make a profit—or those unwilling to surrender them at the official rate at a loss.

The ratio between the black market and the official rate on December 14, was approximately 3-1. And that's where the know-how of passing the buck comes in.

The black market in foreign currency transactions was driven deep underground last August 19 when the government passed its ill-fated foreign currency and price control regulations.

The threat of the death penalty, enforced then, jolted local black marketers as they had never been jolted before. They immediately went into deep hiding, particularly when

JAPANESE APPEALS

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES IN COURT'S HANDS

Washington, December 18.

Whether Japan's war lords live or die depends upon a legal technicality argued in the Supreme Court on Friday.

The technicality is: Does the United States Supreme Court have jurisdiction over the Military Tribunal that tried and convicted the war leaders, including the former Premier, Hideki Tojo?

Attorneys representing seven Japanese—two sentenced to death, five to imprisonment—claim the court does have such jurisdiction. They contend that the tribunal was created by the United States, and actually was not an international body. They want to appeal against its ruling.

The Government contradicts this. It says the court was international, and was created by an 11-nation group which in turn gave General Douglas MacArthur authority to set up the trial court. Its ruling should stand, the government argues.

The case opened on Thursday with Mr. William Logan Jr., of New York, arguing for the Japanese. It continued on Friday.

25 Lives Involved

The court's decision, which will be given later, could save the lives of 25 Japanese war lords in all, including the seven who have appealed. Hideki Tojo and 17 others did not appeal against the military court's decisions, but would be spared if the court rules in favor of the seven.

Mr. David F. Smith, one of the two American lawyers acting for the Japanese, insisted in a brief filed on Friday that the Supreme Court has full jurisdiction.

"If this court has no jurisdiction," he added, then all alien and citizens of the United States physically present on foreign soil in military occupied areas, deprived and denied their rights and liberty by official action taken by any officers of the United States, have no redress in any judicial form in the United States.

In such a situation officers of the United States could carry on a reign of tyranny and denial of rights without their actions being subject to review anywhere in the United States," said Mr. Smith.

Solicitors General Philip B. Perlman, arguing that the Supreme Court lacks jurisdiction because the trial tribunal was international, said in a second brief:

Must Follow Policy

"When an American officer assumes the post of Supreme Commander (such as was done by General MacArthur) it is inherent in that post that he must carry out the policies of the group of nations involved as determined by whatever voting or other arrangement they have agreed upon."

"While he acts as their agent, he may not subordinate their agent, he may not subordinate their policy decisions to the do-

Sunny California

Redondo Beach,

California, December 17.
Giant waves today smashed over the seawall here, flooding homes, injuring many persons and forcing 50 families to evacuate waterfront buildings.

Storm winds and a six and a half foot tide sent huge breakers cascading over the seawall which protects homes just a few feet beyond the normal high tide mark.

The waves hurled massive boulders and slapped as high as the second-storey windows of apartment houses on the waterfront.

Four persons were sent to hospital with minor injuries and a score of others treated for cuts, bruises and shock.—United Press.

nestle legal rules of his own country."

If the justices rule they have no jurisdiction in the case, the Japanese convictions will stand, but if it rules otherwise, then it may go a step further and decide whether or not the Tokyo Tribunal was legal.

If the decision is that the court was not legal, the convictions would be set aside. But if it rules it is legal, the sentences again would stand.—Associated Press.

40-Hour Week For Railwaymen?

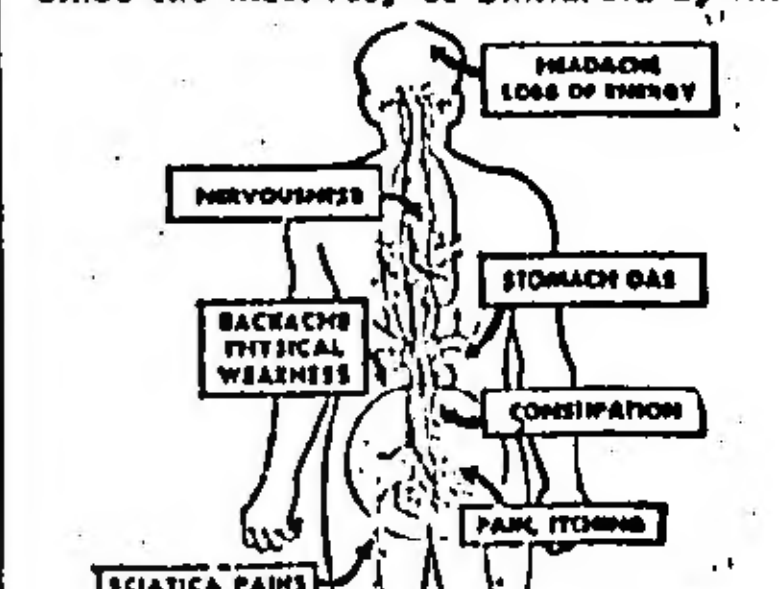
Washington, December 17.
The Presidential Board today recommended that the railways give 1,000,000 non-operating employees a 40-hour week, to replace the present 48-hour week, on September 1, 1949 and also a seven-cent-an-hour wage increase retroactive to October 1.

It was hoped the recommendation would avert a nationwide strike by 16 rail unions, which can be called any time after January 17.

Board members estimated the shorter week would mean a 14 per cent increase in pay and would cost the carriers US\$450,000,000 annually. The recommendations are not binding on either side.—United Press.

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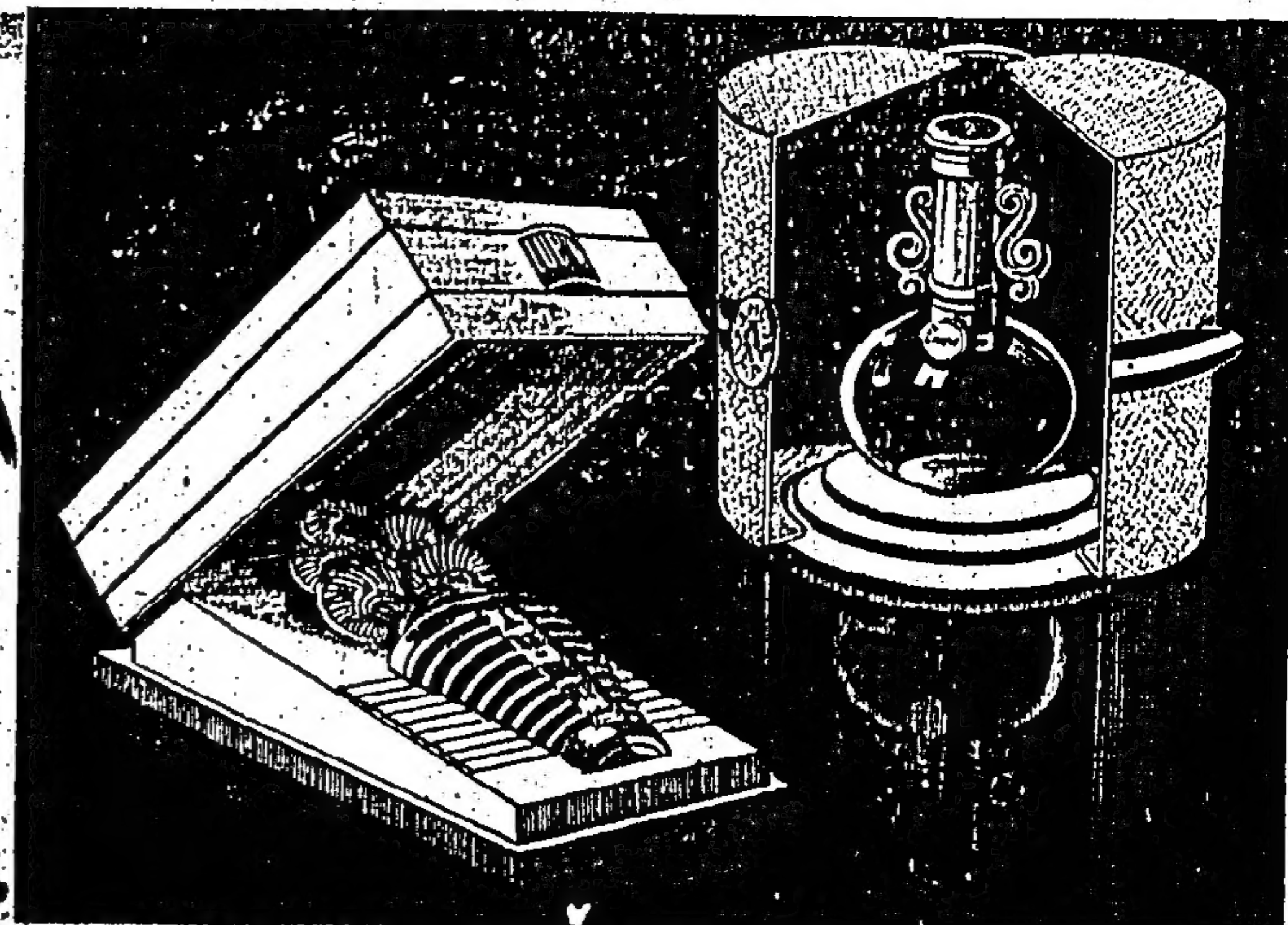
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The school is the Berlin branch of the new police force, built up all over Eastern Germany by the Russians, which many fugitives from the Russian Zone have already described. The police force is composed of German ex-prisoners of war, who have been told they will be armed with heavy machine guns, light artillery and tanks.

On the staff of Berlin's new police school are five political leaders as well as a "sports leader" whose job it is to teach commando and other battle tactics.

New blue uniforms have already been issued.

A German police officer who attended the first course has told Allied sources that the chief lecturer, in his opening address, said that the main object of the school will be to provide a force that can take over the policing of Western Germany. The lecturer regarded the question of the Berlin police as already being settled beyond compromise. The Western Sector police could be overcome in a night, he said.

To watchers here the setting up of this school is a sign that the Berlin problem is becoming more and more difficult to solve.

the only time they can do their cooking, washing, ironing and radio listening.

Even the streets in Western Berlin look different, as trees are cut down along the curbside and in gardens for fire wood. The woods are being cleared and ploughed up for vegetables.

Politically, too, Berlin is falling apart. A decree of divorce between Eastern and Western Berlin is to be made "next month" by city elections which will be held in the British, American and French sectors but not in the Russian sector.

On their side too the Russians seem to be doing all they can to make this decree absolute. Communist police are now stationed in front of the City Hall in East Berlin as a warning to Western-minded city councillors who still work there. Russian controlled papers have now published a list of Western sector "warmongering journalists" whom they consider should be liquidated. Recently the Russian authorities raised the wages in their part of Berlin and launched a violent attack on the Western Allies for not doing the same.

Hate Campaign

Within the last few days the Russian controlled newspapers have begun a hate campaign to stir up the two halves of the city against one another by manufacturing "incidents." When the lights failed for one hour and a half the other night at

By JOHN FISHER

as time goes on. Every day it becomes harder to go back to where we stood last July when the Russians walked out at the city's last Four Power meeting. Already the people of West Berlin are getting used to the idea that it is not "healthy" to go in to the Russian sector of the city. Russian-led German police already board trams entering the Russian sector and search passengers to see if they are carrying the forbidden Westmark currency.

On the way out of the sector passengers are searched again to make sure that they are not taking food or clothing back into the besieged part of Berlin. At times underground trains, too, are controlled almost strictly as if they were crossing an international frontier.

Different Lives

Thus before our eyes Berlin is becoming a Tale of Two Cities—Cities with different newspapers, different currencies, different religions, different schools and different postmen, with rival trade unions and rival city councillors; two cities with different lives. In West Berlin most families sit in cold rooms and their lives are tied to an electric light switch. They must leave their beds in the middle of the night if their current is switched on, for this is

Klingenberg, the Russian papers accused Western Germans of planning a vast sabotage action. Next day the Russians made a "frontier incident" of a policeman who was knocked over by a car near the sector boundary, and accused West Berliners of being "provocative."

The same week Russian sources claimed that one of their elevated railway trains was shot at while near the Western sector boundary. British and American authorities in Berlin have long suspected that the Russians would try to create civil disorder in Western Berlin to give an excuse for their own police to intervene. It is not unlikely that the series of incidents is to be the overture to a campaign which will give any talks in Paris an air of increasing unreality.

The realities are:

- (1) the shadow of the policeman in the tank.
- (2) the success of the air lift.

The British and Americans have plans to maintain and increase their authority in Berlin next year by bringing in still more supplies by air to the city. They realize that this is the best way of beating the policeman in the tank. Because if he ever takes over point duty in Berlin there will no longer be much object in having an air lift.

GERMANY'S PLACE IN WESTERN UNION

—By—
WALTER
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The association of Germany with Western Union is not a mere matter of aspiration. Nor is it entirely a matter of Governmental pronouncements and diplomatic action. It is first and fundamentally a matter of fact. The solid foundation of economic geography cannot be denied. Nor can the steady trend of German political sympathies towards the West in the past year, especially since the announcement of the six Power proposals for the development of a provisional government for Western Germany in June and the subsequent highly effective currency reform in the Western zones. The industries of the Ruhr basin are essential for European prosperity, and so long as the economic splitting of Germany by the Soviet Government continues (in direct defiance of the Potsdam Treaty), that means Western European prosperity. A Pacific and co-operative Germany is essential for European stability, and so long as all political compromise is refused by the Soviet Government, all that can be counted on at the moment is the desire for Western European stability. But it needs to be emphasized at the outset that the steady progress towards political and economic health in Western Germany has clearly had a profound effect on those Germans who remain under Russian control in the East. This is as welcome to the Western Powers as it is inevitable.

Inevitable

But the ties which bind Germany to the West are by no means confined to the sphere of fundamental economic geography and political sympathy. At every stage of the movement towards a formal structure of Western Union, as a political association having its own institutions and conscious policies, and also at every stage in the setting up of the machinery of the European Recovery Programme, the explicit association of Western Germany with the new schemes has been inevitable. As far back as the summer of 1947, when the 10 European Powers who had accepted the Marshall proposals met in Paris to draw up plans for concerted economic recovery, Western Germany was represented, in the first place, through the occupation authorities. From the beginning of Western Union as a political phenomenon—with Mr. Bevin's historic speech to the House of Commons in January, 1948—the fact that ultimately Western Germany must be a freely consenting member of it has been more and more widely recognised. In the meantime the process of economic integration has continued. The six Power Agreement on Germany published in June, 1948, provided for an international authority, on which the Germans would be represented, to control the coal, coke and steel production of the Ruhr, their present policy and in the

course of an entirely regrettable disagreement with the Soviet Union, be willing to accept them. Geography itself is not enough for there have been cases in which political considerations have over-ridden geographical factors. The only permanent basis is one of complete conviction on both sides that the course which is being followed is right. It is here that the genuine doubters of the wisdom of the full association of Germany with Western Union and the Marshall Plan must have their say, and must be answered. It must be recognised that the political association known as Western Union has its military organs and is in the process of laying down its common military policy. It must be recognised on the other hand that a permanent factor in the policy of the Western Powers is the demilitarisation of Germany and the permanent suppression of the German arms industry. Is there not a conflict here? It would be foolish to deny it. But it would be equally foolish to deny that it can be resolved. The military policy of Western Union is purely defensive and if the Powers found it possible to scrap it tomorrow they would undoubtedly do it with profound relief. That being so there is no reason why they should seek to draw Germany into it. And there is equally no reason why the Germans should seek to be drawn in. Quite the contrary, in fact. The conflict is more apparent than real. At the worst it is the mischievous invention of opponents of Western Union and should be treated accordingly.

Accomplished Fact

All this can be said in the sphere of accomplished fact before ever the question of the desirability or otherwise of the association of Germany with Western Union and the European Recovery Programme is approached. If facts can go so far towards determining the question then it is most unlikely that the policy of the Western Powers could work in the opposite direction to such a powerful stream. Nor is there any real evidence that it will. To exclude Germany from Western Union would be to ignore the very nature of the struggle which is openly taking place in Berlin and which dominates relations between Eastern and Western Powers in Germany as a whole. It is a struggle which the Western Powers are winning. To deny the next logical step, which is the free association of a German government with the Western Powers, would be to throw away every advantage which has been gained by a policy of economic progress and the steady handing over of political functions. When the Western Powers consider permanent association between Germany and themselves, they always place the emphasis on the fact that the association must be free. Thus they enjoy a tremendous advantage over Russia and the Eastern countries, who can only offer the right discipline of the Communist Party and continuous subjection to the Soviet police system. In such a contest the outcome is a foregone conclusion. Every sane German will opt for the West. And the least the Western Powers can do is to offer the rewards and responsibilities of freedom which are expressed on the international scale in Western Union and in the European Recovery Programme.

French Attitude

One last objection deserves a word. It is well known that France accepted with some reluctance the arrangements for Western Germany embodied in the Six Power Agreement. The general ground that those ar-



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rangements might endanger French security. Once again the opponents of Western Union are inclined to magnify this single fact. But it should be plain enough that if Germany is ever to play a peaceful and constructive part in the life of Europe she must be given a positive part in European reconstruction. And it should be even plainer that the safest and soundest way to anchor her vast economic resources and the energies of her people to the cause of peace is first to incorporate in Western Union those Western Germans who are able to decide freely their own future association, and then to trust to reason and the plain fact of prosperity in the West to attract in due course the sympathies and allegiance of the Germans of the East. Any Frenchman is capable of seeing that this is the logical road to true security and all the evidence is that the vast majority of them do see it. They will add the essential element of cautious common sense to the inevitable progress to the association of Germany with the West, and all the benefits for the world that this can provide.



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She tossed back her pigtail, rose up on one toe and did a slow, shaky pirouette. She was a thin, pale child with wide-set eyes and a large mouth. Her face was not pretty, but it was full of expression and character. She paused suddenly as she heard her mother's voice calling her from the house.

"That's Mum. I'll have to go. Happy Christmas, case I don't see you to-morrow."

"Bar-bar-a! Where are you?"

"Coming! Coming! Oh dear, no peace for the wicked!"

The phrase came oddly from the child's lips. She had picked it up somewhere. She was always mimicking visitors who came to the house.

"Barbara! Oh, there you are!" A vivacious, dark-haired little woman was laying the table for lunch in the window of the front room where the pale December sunshine glistened on the knives and forks. "Barbara, dear, I wonder if you'd just run round to Smith's and get those sweets. Choose a quarter of anything you like for yourself, but get the rest in peppermints. It's what Daddy likes, as you know. Especially on Christmas Eve."

"Why does he?" asked Barbara curiously. "I think they're dull. And why Christmas Eve specially?"

Her mother smiled. "You'd better ask him," she said. "Now, hurry, because it's nearly lunch-time. And do put a coat on, darling; it's cold enough for snow."

But it was not till lunch was over and her father sat down on the window-seat to smoke his pipe and watch the birds feeding out on the frozen lawn, that Barbara skipped up to him and said, "Daddy, tell me: why do you always have peppermints? And specially on Christmas Eve? Mum told me to ask. Don't you like any other sorts of sweets? I think peppermints are dull."

Her father smiled and eased himself on the seat. His left leg stuck out in front of him, straight and rigid. It was artificial from the thigh downwards.

He had been a 'peace-time' army casually a few years after leaving school. He patted the seat beside him. Come and sit down and I'll tell you. It's a most romantic story."

"Then I shan't believe it. All that Romance-stuff's out of date. Miss Preston says so."

"Does she?" He pulled a wry face, adding without malice: "Miss Preston may have a good reason for thinking so. All the same, I repeat, my story's a romantic story. So now then.... Once upon a time—"

"Oh..." Barbara groaned, interrupting again; "then it's not a true story. It's not real."

"Of course it's real! What a little sceptic you are! Every story's got to start once... some time." Very firmly and deliberately he repeated, "Once upon a time," paused for the interruption which did not come; raised his eyebrows in ironical surprise, and went on: "Once upon a time."

BY DONALD GILCHRIST

there was a small boy called... well, we'll call him Pat. He was a great little runner, and he could beat all the other boys at jumping too. He spent a lot of time in the school gym, and got very good on the parallel bars and the vaulting-horse.

Barbara yawned ostentatiously, swinging her legs. If the story was going to be all about the athletic prowess of little boys, she wasn't interested. She stretched out her feet, nipped a shred of tinsel paper from the Christmas tree between the toes of her shoes, and tossed it up into the air. But the very next sentence caught and held her attention.

"And then, one day," her father was saying, "his parents took him to see some Russian dancers at the local theatre; and the way men, particularly, seemed to defy the laws of gravity filled him with envy and excitement. They seemed to him to be all sleek and steel springs, and bursting with the joy of living. And the music, too, was like fire in them. There was a flame-like quality in their response to its intoxicating rhythms. It seemed they had no need of the solid earth to support them. And young Pat went back home to his bed that night to dream of himself as a dancer shod with wings, who could and the stage at a single leap. And the next time he swung on the parallel bars and jumped the vaulting-horse in the school gym, he did it with a difference. He did it to

music: imaginary music that beat inside his own head, and imposed a sort of rough pattern on his movements."

He paused suddenly to look sideways at his audience on the seat, and saw that she was listening, rapt and still. Her legs no longer swung indifferently to and fro, but hung beneath her, limp with attention. She turned to look at him impatiently. "Go on," she said. "Why've you stopped? Did he become a dancer?"

"No." He shook his head. "Not properly. Not in the stage-trained sense. He was just an ordinary little boy at school doing ordinary lessons, playing games, working for exams. He didn't even know how to begin to learn how to dance. And, anyway, his parents would never have heard of it. They had much more sensible plans for him. But it's funny, you know: dancing's one of the great, deep instincts of the human race. Everybody's a dancer at some time in his life. Not consciously, of course. Very seldom consciously. That was a little dance you did just now—clipping the tinsel paper between your feet and tossing it up."

"Oh. Daddy—silly! That wasn't it!"

"It was. Of course it was. But young Pat saw everything he did as a dance. It was a dance to go swimming in the sea, to leap over hurdles, to field a cricket ball. He enjoyed everything that needed strength and balance. He was always 'light-roped-walking' along the tops of gates, or crossing streams by slippery-stepping-stones. He had been blessed with good limbs and fine muscles, and it seemed the most natural thing in the world to want to bring them into play to express his feelings. But he was bored by the ordinary dancing classes where they moved sedately about in fox-trots and two-steps. It was all too slow and mechanical—except the old-fashioned waltz. He liked that."

The speaker paused and shifted his position on the seat. He looked out through the window at the pear tree against the wall, where a wren, like a darling mouse, was hunting in the rough bark.

"Go on," said Barbara. "What happened next? Or is that the end?"

"No, it's not the end. I was just watching that wren. He's a great little dancer."

"Oh, don't bother about wrens," cried Barbara impatiently. "What happened to Pat?"

"Well..." he sighed. "The years passed, you know. He grew up. He grew into a man. But we can skip all that. We'll come upon him suddenly and surprise him. It's Christmas eve. He's standing on a pavement, looking up at a

CARTOON

By STAN HILL



big bill posted on the blank wall of a building. He's in hospital blue, and he knows very well he shouldn't be there at all. He shouldn't be out, because he's been very ill, and there's snow on the ground. But it seems to him years since he saw any good dancing, and here at the theatre for Christmas week is one of the finest ballet companies in the country. The titles in the repertoire are pure magic to him: Coppelia, Swan Lake, Aurora's Wedding, Carnival... all the old favourites. Snatches of the music run sparkling and lulling through his head like wine. His only fear is that all the seats will have been sold and he won't be able to get in. So he treks off to the theatre, slowly and painfully, to find out.

"And his fears are only too well-founded. Not a seat is left in the house. There are sold-out notices everywhere, and there's standing-room only for those who queue. Of course, they tell him, there's a possibility of an odd ticket being returned, if he cares to call in again....

"Well, he's standing there irresolute and miserable, wondering whatever to do next, when into the booking-hall they come, five of them, as gay and mischievous-looking as a bunch of children.

"Locked out! Locked out!" they are wailing hilariously. "locked out and nowhere to go!"

"One of the men goes up to the window of the box-office to explain. 'We can't get in at the stage door,' he says. 'It's locked or jammed. So we've come round here. If you think we could go and sit in the auditorium!'

"Like we did once before," laughs a dark-haired girl very gaily. "You remember—in Edinburgh! We sat in the stalls in the dark and ate fattening sweets!"

"Who's got the sweets, by the way?" the young man demanded. "I know I gave somebody the money to get them." He sounds just like a big brother, lordling it over a bevy of his sisters.

"Here they are!" cries the dark-haired girl, bringing out a paper bag from under her coat and holding it triumphantly aloft for everybody to see. "Anybody like one now?"

"She stands on tip-toe, pivoting slowly round,—and then away she darts from one to the other, just as if she's doing a gay, impromptu little dance.

"In the middle of it she suddenly seems to freeze. There's a man standing just inside the glass doors, looking at her. He's looking at her as if hypnotised, as if he worships the very ground she treads on. She notices with a sharp stab of tenderness and pity that he has only one leg, and that his shoulders are hunched with the upward thrust of his crutches.

And it's as if a sudden blessed impulse seizes hold of her, telling her what to do. She has only paused for the briefest of seconds. Just as if he's one of them—as if it's all part of the dance—she runs across to where he is standing and holds out her bag. Her smile has something in it that her audiences have never seen: something as gentle as a kiss. "Do, please, have one," she says shyly. "Do you like them? They're peppermints."

There was a moment's silence on the seat in the window. A few flakes of snow had started floating down out of the grey sky.

And then the little girl burst out: "Oh, dear! Is that the end?"

"But it's a sad story! Daddy, it's sad! It's not romantic at all."

"Isn't it?" He looked away across the garden, his eyes creased and twinkling with happiness. "You ask your mother. It was her peppermint!"

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EGYPT TAKES A NEW LOOK AT BRITAIN

By ALAN HUMPHREYS

The American business man looked worried as he slipped on a stool at the Cairo bar beside his British counterpart.

They exchanged greetings. Then the American said: "I can't take it any more. This constant underlying unfriendliness—the way the Egyptians look at you, I've asked to be transferred."

The Briton gazed earnestly into his glass for a few moments, then replied: "That's how they used to look at us. But you've taken our place now."

Jews and "Israel" are Egypt's main hate, but the United States has become top target among the Western countries for national xenophobia.

Lowest Point

For that America's attitude towards the Palestine problem is to blame. Anti-British sentiment is at its lowest point for a long time. The American properly referred to unfriendliness as "underlying." On the surface life in Cairo is normal even for the disliked foreigners. But underneath there is a sense of unease.

You see lorries filled with police driving about the city daily. You notice there is an armed policeman about every 100 yards on the main street during the day and evening. After midnight there are still many about.

Recent events suggested, however, such risk as does exist is run by prominent Egyptians rather than by foreigners.

As anti-British sentiment has lessened, so has arisen a desire for the regulation of Anglo-Egyptian

relations. The repatriation has grown up among thinking Egyptians that no country can live in isolation. Britain is the first choice as ally, as the least of several evils.

'Get Support'

A Wealthy Egyptian explained this attitude by saying: "I am not pro-British, but we must get support from a major Power, Russia? That would be treachery to our religion and Constitution. America? There is too much Jewish influence in the United States. That leaves only Britain."

It is felt, however, that public opinion is not ready for such a move. Though censorship regulations have recently eased for news leaving Egypt, they have scarcely relaxed internally, so Egyptian people are hardly aware of the factors leading towards Anglo-Egyptian amity. They are uninformed, for instance, of the extent of the severe set-back suffered by the Egyptian forces in Palestine in the recent fighting in the Negev.

Claims made by Tel-Aviv paint an exaggerated picture, but the Egyptians have taken a severe knock from the Egyptian public realises. In one respect that setback has helped the prospects of Anglo-Egyptian agreement. Well-informed Egyptians have become more clearly aware of the value of British troops in the Canal Zone.

Egyptian Army officers have freely stated that if they had to withdraw from Palestine the British would have to stop the Jews. There has, therefore, recently been something of a campaign to

educate public opinion up to the idea of the unconditional resumption of talks with Britain.

Thus the pro-Government weekly newspaper, *Akhbar el Yom*, which is sometimes described as the "Palace Weekly," has been publishing a series of articles by prominent Egyptians advocating talks with Britain. Former Premier Sidky Pasha wrote frankly: "Egypt should take the first step to reopen negotiations with Britain. We are now without friends. Let us remove hate from our heart alone. Let us face reality without trying to deceive ourselves with dreams or illusions."

New Reason

The following week the President of the Nationalist Party, Hafez Ramadan Pasha, who has been strongly anti-British for the past quarter of a century, appeared in the same paper condemning Egypt's present isolation policy.

In advocating reaching agreement with Britain he put forward another reason for having a powerful ally that also is influencing Egyptian thought.

"Egypt," he said, "could become a second line of defence against Communism in the Middle East. Turkey being the first."

This reflects appreciation by Egypt that the Jews are not seeking merely to carve out just another Middle Eastern country. To the Arabs the emergence of a Jewish State would mean the creation in the Middle East of a European country. It would be a country whose population is largely of European origin, with European mentality, and European technical efficiency. And the Arabs believe it would be a Communist country.

Behind the Political Scene

A Warning From Sir John Anderson

The political cynics have already suggested that the Government have been glad to shelter their poor performance on the Steel Bill behind the "thriller" atmosphere of the Lunacy Tribunal. It is certainly regrettable that the increase in newspaper events, and that the reading public was not able to follow the course of the recent three-day debate in the Commons.

Of the Tribunal it is not the moment to write in any detail. The allegations are being probed with the merciless vigour promised. Many questions no doubt will go unanswered. But the public will hardly refrain from commenting. In the words used by the Tribunal's chairman about one of the early witnesses: "We have formed our own impression."

Such impressions may well differ widely. Those who thought they observed signs of "racial" feeling during a recent by-election may and their view confirmed by the spate of anti-Semitic gossip to which the published evidence has regrettably given rise.

Our New Masters

The Attorney-General's opening remarks should not, however, be forgotten. Sir Hartley remonstrated his hearers at Church House that Ministers and public servants "must not only be incorruptible; they must manifestly present the appearance of being insusceptible to corruption."

It is on the strict fulfilment of this latter condition that the public has the right to insist.

For the Socialists have, in pursuit of their mandate and doctrines, placed power in the hands of new men, men often unused to power and responsibility save in union or local politics; but men who nevertheless have made the claim that because they stand close to the people they will be the better able to serve the people, protecting them from exploitation and trickery.

With every new measure of State control the number of these, our new masters, increases, while at the same time the multiplication of restrictions has made the discharge of their duties more difficult. And since more and more State control has been imposed on the Labour Party, it is right that we should be granted the present opportunity to pause and examine a microcosm of the sort of society which is gradually being imposed upon us.

Although the Tribunal is supposed to be a "fact-finding inquiry," it has, of course, no authority to compel witnesses to supply the facts. It was consequently possible, moving from Church House to the Commons, to find a fleeting similarity in the evasive behaviour of certain witnesses in the box to that of certain Government spokesmen at the box.

Broken Pledges

When the decision to prepare proposals for the nationalisation of "appropriate sections" of the iron and steel industry was taken in May 1946 Mr. Morrison made it clear that his party accepted the duty of proving its case and of explaining the merits of any scheme put forward.

At that time also Dr. Dalton made a specific pledge to the industry that compensation would

By ALASTAIR FORBES

take into account its capital expenditure on development during the intervening period. Both these pledges were broken.

A series of formidable and searching speeches from leading Opposition spokesmen altogether failed to elicit any defence of the Bill except a political one of the most nakedly demagogic character.

The Conservative Party, led by Mr. Churchill, argued its case with a vigour and skill seldom heard in the present Parliament. But it was left to two "National" M.P.s, both Scots, to make the strongest indictment of the Government.

Sir John Anderson is one of Britain's greatest public servants. From the public service he moved to distinction as a Minister, and finally became an outstanding Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He is not a Tory, nor, as he told the House, has he any qualifications to be regarded as a capitalist. He is the personification of wisdom, soundness, and selfless incorruptibility. Sir John gave the most sombre warnings to Sir Stafford Cripps about the results of the "gangster methods" employed by the Government to grab iron and steel.

Lower Standards

"The thoughts of many turned to proceedings in 'another place' as he reached his peroration. 'If the policy adopted by the Government is such as to stifle enterprise and reward recklessness, if it penalises thrift and encourages extravagance; if—public spirited, conscientious, law-abiding citizens find themselves at a disadvantage compared with others not so scrupulous—then we shall have inevitably a lowering and a progressive lowering of standards of public conduct. That is an inevitable consequence, and looking round today can we doubt that there has been such a lowering?"

When so calm and undemonstrative a figure as Sir John Anderson uses such language, when he admits that he "trembles for the future of his country," it is time for us all to heed him.

As for Sir Andrew Duncan, his speech was one of the greatest feats of devastating logic and debating exposition heard in the Commons for many years. Sir Andrew did not even state his case for the conduct of the steel industry before the war, which is, in any case, not uncritically supported by the Opposition, but he did show how utterly unfounded are many of the allegations made against the workings of the European Steel Cartel.

German Industry

He made the point that under the Marshall Plan stipulations machinery set up in Paris, the European Governments are at this moment considering similar policies.

He might have added that perhaps only in the creation of another European Cartel, privately managed but supervised by Governments acting together, will a satisfactory scheme be devised for the internationalisation of the German heavy industry within a general European framework.

Sir Andrew challenged the Government to deny his claim that the industry is at present organised to meet every demand made upon it for a five-year period, but his challenge was not accepted. He made clear beyond doubt that the Bill will do nothing to increase the output of the industry and may do much to cripple it.

The present capacity is already restricted by the failure of the coal industry to maintain adequate supplies of coke and cooking coal.

The country is supposed to be bored by the subject of iron and steel nationalisation. That may be so. But Edmontson has shown that it is not so bored by the subject of rising prices which are now seen to be a consequence of nationalisation measures.

Dangerous Plot

When they called the steel industry "the citadel of power" they did not mean that in the hands of a supervised Steel Board to-day there is power over the life of the nation, but rather that such power would be in the hands of the State once the Bill went through.

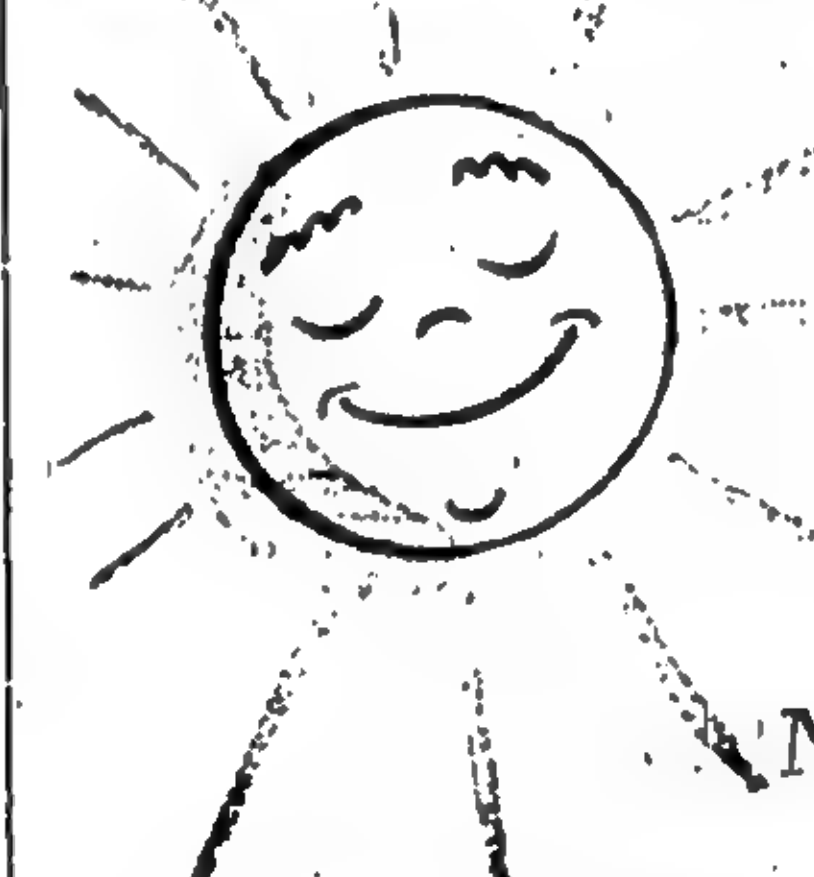
On the basis of the political arguments put forward the passing of the Steel Bill would remove the last obstacle to the completion of the Socialist schemes cherished by Cripps and his crypto-revolutionaries. After steel, shipping, agriculture, and much else that could be defined as "basic industries" would pass into the hands of the State.

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Shopwindows Drab

Shanghai, December 18.

Shanghaiers today, more concerned with the possible arrival here of the Chinese Reds than the hoary-old man-in-red, are more than a little behind in their plans to welcome Christmas joyously—or at all.

With only a short while to go, there is little evidence Christmas—once one of the city's major holidays—will be celebrated out here anywhere near the way it used to be celebrated.

Absent from shopwindows are the customary tinsel and trappings which framed the display of luxury goods of every description in years gone by. There is none of the splashes of colour, pretty placards and other advertising devices which invitingly beckoned to passers-by in former times.

This is a drab city now and all indications are that it will be a lot drabber before many months pass.

In No Xmas Mood

The chief concern of foreign residents here is to get out as soon as possible. Children of American parents have already been evacuated, stateless Jews from Central Europe soon will be, while White Russians are desperately trying every avenue

which may lead them away to safety from Red retaliation.

Amidst all the evacuation talk and confusion foreigners here are little inclined to permit themselves the luxury of thinking about how they will celebrate Christmas. And the Chinese, with their government in its greatest peril since it was formed, are in no mood to join in the celebration of what is essentially a foreigners' holiday.

The reappearance of goods on the shelves of local stores after the lifting of price controls leaves no doubt that Shanghai— if it had the heart for it—does have what is required to make it a good Christmas. In fact, prices on most gifts have gone down, rather than up.

This is due to the desire of storekeepers to get rid of their stocks quickly for fear that if they don't part with their goods voluntarily now, the Communists will eventually do it for them.

With Christmas and New Year just around the corner, Shanghai has now resigned itself to a period of waiting and hoping with the holiday season relegated to a minor position as one of its least important concerns at the present time.—Associated Press.

WRIGHT BROTHERS HONoured

Washington, December 17. Wilbur and Orville Wright did not live to see it, but a penitentiary nation finally paid homage to them as the creators of the first successful airplane.

Public figures, from President Truman down, hailed the brothers at ceremonies at the Smithsonian Institution, where their flying machine, "Kitty Hawk," the first plane to make a man-carrying powered flight, now rests. The tributes came 45 years to the day after the brothers had sent their craft into the air for 12 seconds.

Fittingly, three modern air pioneers received the Collier Trophy today for developing the plane X-1, which may herald flights of nearly 2,000 miles an hour.

The men were Captain Charles Yeager, Air Force pilot who made the first supersonic flight in October 1947; John Stuck, Government scientist whose research helped make the flight possible; and Lawrence Bell, aircraft manufacturer who designed and built the plane.

Mr. Bell said American manufacturers already knew how to build planes several times as fast as the X-1. He said the lessons learned from it "give the United States the know-how to reach speeds two or three times that of sound."—United Press.

Public Decorations

Tokyo, December 18.

Santa Claus scored a jingling victory in Japan today. And the Japanese in general appeared happy to learn that their government's decision to display Christmas trees at railway stations and other public places was constitutional.

After official consultations, the Transportation Ministry notified stations that there was no need for their staffs to remove trees and trimmings, because they were merely seasonal decorations.

The controversy had been provoked by an influential Buddhist group which charged that, since the bulk of the Japanese railway system was state-owned, decoration of its railway stations with Christmas trees amounted to official encouragement of Christianity.

Article 20 of Japan's new constitution specifies that, in the interests of freedom of religion, "the State and its organs shall refrain from religious education or any other religious activity."

Order Retracted

This week, the Dai Nihon Buddhist Association, citing the constitution, induced the Cabinet to issue an order by which about 20 railway stations were compelled to dismantle decorated trees which they had installed in an effort to make the traffic centres attractive to the public.

The Transportation Ministry retracted the order and at the same time Education Ministry officials told the press they had no intention of issuing notice to schools banning display of trees in classrooms.

50,000 Christmas Parcels Await Transport To Berlin

Berlin, December 17.

The American Military Government in Berlin today asked the Russians to provide transport for 50,000 Christmas gift parcels to the people in the Soviet Zone and blockaded Berlin.

The American Communications' chief, Mr. Eugene Merrill, told his Russian counterpart, Major General Semichin, that the parcels are ready and delivery would be a humanitarian service for the German people.

Mr. Merrill rejected accusation by General Semichin on December 14 that the United States occupation authorities had committed an unlawful act by suspending the delivery of parcels from other countries to the Soviet Zone and Berlin, and that the Western Zones owed the Soviet Zone 957 covered rail trucks.

Mr. Merrill said: "Since the Soviet-imposed blockade of Berlin, the Western Zones have sent over 1,700 more cars of mail across the Soviet border than have been received."

"With extreme reluctance, we came to the conclusion that the Soviet Zone was using this humane traffic (of gift parcels) to increase its holdings of railroad equipment. This left no other alternative than that of suspending the service."

Mr. Merrill stated that Americans have spent more \$250 million for gift parcels for the German people. The parcels contained 200,000 tons of food, clothing and other supplies.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV JEWS GO TO ISRAEL

Belgrade, December 17.

More than 4,000 Jewish emigrants, over half of them women, left Yugoslavia this week by ship for Israel.

Two hundred babies were among the emigrants, the last group of whom left on Wednesday aboard the specially chartered 6,665 ton Yugoslav liner Radnik.

The emigrants were among the 7,000 survivors of Yugoslavia's prewar Jewish population of 80,000, most of whom died under Nazi persecution.

They were selected by the Israeli Government from 4,000 applicants, under an agreement with Yugoslavia. All those selected were allowed to go, with the exception of a number of doctors and technicians, badly needed in Yugoslavia.

No Compensation
Mr. Frederick C. White, spokesman for the joint Jewish Distribution Committee in Belgrade, told correspondents that the Yugoslav Government had co-operated most generously and had treated the Jews excellently.

The emigrants were allowed to take personal belongings, household goods, furniture and jewelry. Customs officials cleared their heavy baggage in private at their homes. Their houses, land and other property in Yugoslavia were taken over by the government without compensation.

Greetings From "Bulacan Boy"

Manila, December 18. Hukbalahap peasant commander "Bulacan Boy" today sent all his government enemies pretty Christmas cards and enclosed his hope that in the new year they would join with him in the "Victorious march of Communism."

Bulacan Boy, a subordinate commander under Luis Taruc, leader of the Philippine "Peasants' Army," declared that United States imperialism is one of the main enemies of the Chinese and Chinese people. He said the Chinese is about to fall to the Communists.

The Government answered his blithe boast by sending more troops to Central Luzon where fighting has again broken out after a lull.—Associated Press.

XMAS IN GERMANY FOR UK CHILDREN

London, December 17.

The first of about 440 children travelling to spend Christmas with their parents who are with the occupation forces in Germany or with the Control Commission, are leaving by a special train from London tonight.

A second party will follow on Tuesday.—Reuter.

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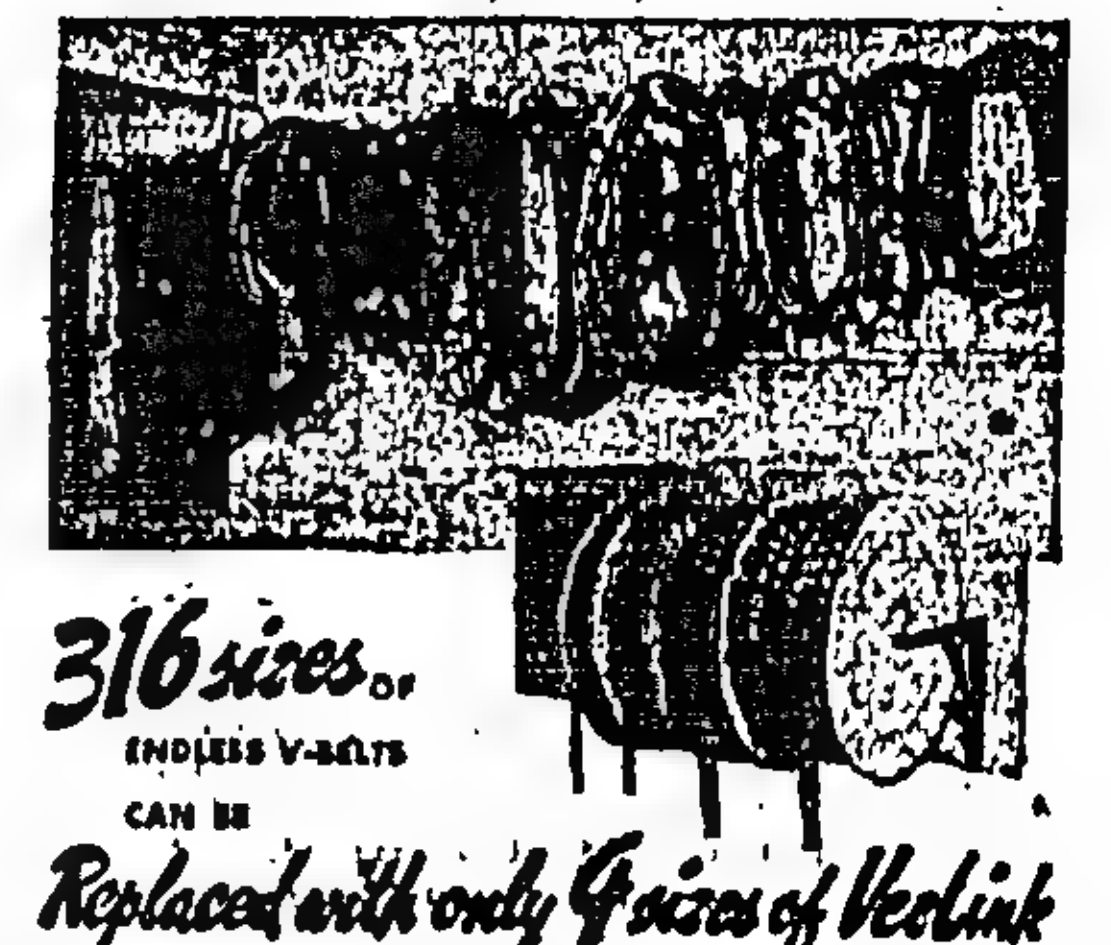
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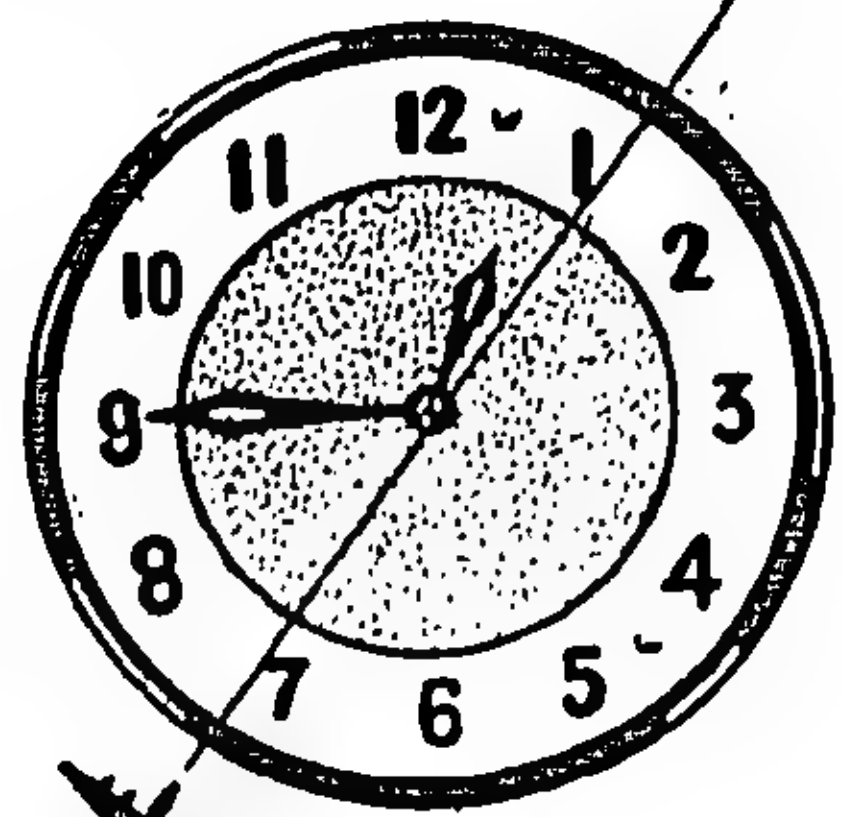
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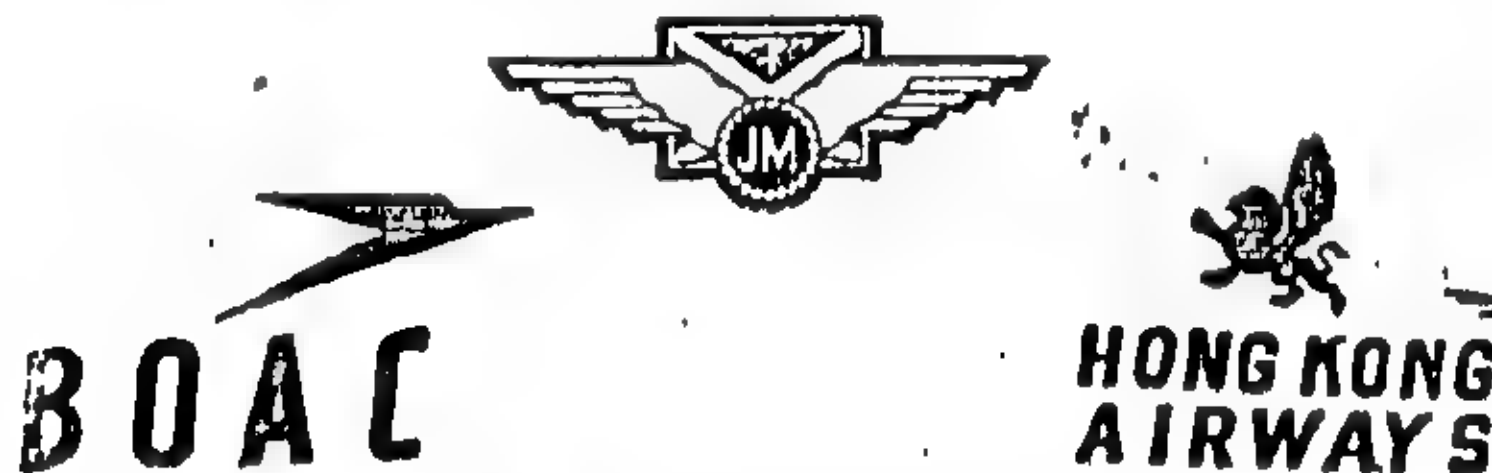
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H.K. DEFENCE

It is greatly to be hoped that the response to the recruiting drive planned for the New Year for the purpose of creating a substantial and efficient local defence organisation will not suffer too severely from past errors in policy which have alienated many loyalties. Conditions are such that it requires no exceptional sense of responsibility to realise that the early reconstitution of a Defence Force is a matter of high importance, and further that our security as a Colony may very easily depend, at least in the first instance, upon a capacity for effective mobilisation of our own manpower resources. At the same time it must be anticipated that there will be difficulty in breaking down the feeling of grievance entertained for various reasons by many who served Hong Kong in 1941, and it would be a serious mistake to assume that the Bill presented in Legislative Council last Wednesday contributes at all usefully towards this end. Neither in the Bill itself nor in the speech of His Excellency the Governor introducing it was there anything to provide the basis for encouragement of the idea that things will be materially different next time, if there is a next time. There appeared to be a ready recognition of the fact that an unpleasant taste was left in many mouths by what was, and still is in many cases, regarded as a breach of faith by the Government and an avoidance of moral obligations, without anything which could as readily be regarded as a constructive answer to the attitude of those aggrieved. To be frank, the promise of cultural and recreational opportunities closely linked with the Defence Force could never be of more than strictly limited appeal. And there is little inducement offering in the proposed treatment in the shape of pay scales and pension provisions. If the programme is to succeed it will profit not from such considerations as this, but from a simple acceptance of the duties of citizenship in the peculiar position in which Hong Kong finds itself. The volunteer will either go in on that basis, worrying himself little about general principles of policy, and asking for no assurances, or he might just as well remain aloof. From responsible quarters there can be no other line of approach. Future possibilities and the circumstances in which a Defence Force might be needed are not to be contemplated lightly. Indeed, one of the chief criticisms of the official plans is that they are of a long-term nature, and reveal no sense of urgency. Arrangements for safeguarding the internal security of Hong Kong may be demanded long in advance of the completion of Phase I of the Government's recruiting programme. It is true that Colonial Office anxieties about the Colony's safety have been relieved by reassurances from Hong Kong intimating that the situation is well under control. Local residents, however, would prefer to have a little more concrete evidence. They would feel more comfortable if the Government produced a scheme providing for the

The Pattern Of Communism

The West Makes Ready:
The Significance Of
The Ruhr
By The Hon Anthony Eden

Former Secretary Of State For
Foreign Affairs

The greater part of mankind yearns earnestly for peace and sees no hopeful prospect of enjoying it. This longing for peace is wide and deep and it is frustrated, for in present conditions peace means at least a measure of understanding with Soviet Russia, beside which all other problems are secondary. Of course it will not always be so, and already there is a cloud, rather bigger than a man's hand, on the German horizon. But the present threat to peace lies in the progressive deterioration of Soviet relations with the Western Powers the world over.

This is not only an international problem in the sense that the spheres of rivalry and hostility are defined by geography or limited by frontiers. The nature of Communism is that it acknowledges no boundaries and seeks to infiltrate everywhere. Soviet practice has made it plain enough that the Kremlin will not accept those restraints and obligations which are inescapable under any system of international order. Moscow interprets the UNO rules crudely enough: "I get my way or I slam down the veto."

Blatant Efforts

The Soviet Government has shown no sign of abandoning its policy of aggressive imperialism which has inspired its policies. Meanwhile it makes blatant efforts to destroy by means of Communist fifth columns the economic life of other Powers, to friendship with whom it is solemnly pledged by treaties. While the Soviet Government persists in such methods no enduring confidence can be established. Mounting armaments and hardening recrimination will be the order of the day.

Mr. Fisher reminds us in his book "The Common Weal" that "the civilisation of Europe, though rich in minor variations, is a common civilisation, influenced by a common religion, drawing upon a common fund of science, letters, art, and political problems and using, in all the arts of life, ideas of law and liberty derived from the ancestral genius of Greece and Rome."

At all costs we must preserve that high standard of life and achievement reached after long centuries of evolution by the more gifted peoples of Europe, for here lies the principal hope and promise for humanity. Yet if our idealism be qualified by a knowledge of history we shall not ignore the devil, for he plays a part in human affairs which, as Carlyle pointed out, cannot be permanently overlooked. To borrow Lord Rosebery's metaphor: the instinct of self-preservation guides the European Powers with

the same certainty as feather moves sheep on the hill. It has at different times produced varying combinations against the domination of tyrants.

A reversal in the draft to war is only possible if Soviet Russia will modify her present policies. Such a modification may be attainable if the free nations can muster sufficient unity and strength to convince Russia that it is in her own interest to make it. For Moscow must be persuaded by unmistakable evidence that it will be better for her that way. Communist policies are, as we all know, capable of abrupt reversal or transition. Since the Bolshevik revolution the Kremlin has found it expedient to indulge in occasional spells of co-operation. In 1921, for example, it was Leninov both earnestly desired peace and believed it to be indivisible. Maybe he was impressed by the extent of his country's internal tasks and unpersuaded of the hostility of other lands. If so, his was a wise judgment.

Not Impossible

A return to such an era is by no means impossible, but on one absolute condition. The Soviet Government must be convinced that attempts to achieve its ends by present means, by sapping and mining, by searching out all the spots in any country's character or circumstances and exploiting them, cannot succeed and must lead to war. Hence the significance of the Atlantic Pact. The prevention of a third world war by the concentration of all the forces of peace is the prime objective of all these alliances. It is in the unity and firmness of the West on either side of the Atlantic that lies the world's only chance of survival without war. The other alternatives are clear enough: to submit to Communism or to fight.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century the Christian States found themselves confronted with the challenge of a new religion. It must then have seemed an impossible task to many of them whether any final obstacle could be opposed to its victorious advance. While it is a commonplace of historical observation that Islam stimulated

many influences that lie at the root of culture, no informed and impartial person will deny that Communism is destructive of all such things. It perverts justice by substituting the force of a "robot" confession for equality before the law. It forbids free intercourse with other lands and distorts all information from them, denying thereby a sense of evidence to its own people.

The spread of Communism like that of every totalitarian system is an ethical catastrophe: it is exclusive, aggressive, narrowly sectarian, and bitterly doctrinaire. Communism refuses to admit that argument can exist on the other side. It expends by promulgating its own distorted, materialistic and exclusive view of the course of events which have brought the world to its present pass. It prospers among those who, in the prevailing uncertainty and indecision, have lost faith in the old spiritual values or are stunned by the weight of their misfortunes.

Leadership

The responsibility that lies upon the free nations of the West to afford the necessary leadership and to build confidence is therefore inescapable, but it is to be provided for these we must take fair account of each other's anxieties. It is of little use to try to by-pass them or to pretend that they don't exist. Where the divisions are fundamental it is futile merely to paper over the cracks. The future of the Ruhr is a major problem. Every apprehension in this respect are not unjustified they have historic warrant. If the new Western understanding is to have a real life its plans must carry with them the intelligent assent of the French people.

The objective is perfectly plain. Germany must be enabled to play her full part in the economic life of Western Europe, but every practicable precaution must be taken to guard against a resurgence of German military power. Germany must have every opportunity to earn her own living, she must have none to cut other people's throats again. The war potential of the Ruhr is probably greater today than

those who have seen the destruction of that area would have deemed possible three years ago. Coal production has now reached over 800,000 tons a day and is still rising. Steel production has already overtaken French levels of output. This in itself is all to the good, provided we can meet French fears that this large latent capacity will not later be abused.

The French have accepted the necessity for German economic revival as an integral part of European recovery; but they hold that the safeguards against military revival are insufficient. They ask for international control over management, as well as over distribution of the Ruhr products, and they rightly remind us that after a German Government comes into being the decisions of the International Authority in respect of distribution depend for their execution on the German Government of the day.

The Future

The French are preoccupied with future, rather than with present, safeguards. The argument that Western Germany, as a partner in ERP and a potential partner in Western Union, is in a ring from which she could not break out on independent course of action, does not convince the French. Their minds no doubt turn to the changed, if unpredictable, circumstances which may follow the fixed term of ERP—a brief four years. France might then have to confront a Germany no longer subject to the present system of checks and balances.

Some will maintain that the French mood is merely one of defeatism. I think that is too harsh a judgment. So long as we accept the fact that the prime objective of Communism in Europe is to gain control of Germany, if not by direct assault, then by the established method of conquest from within, there is more than a French interest involved. There is surely force in the claim that a new German administration, attempting to govern by democratic methods a people conditioned by years of dictatorship should be most carefully tested before such a vital matter as responsibility for the Ruhr is decided in its favour.

The French are therefore justified in claiming that the International Authority should be able to exercise continuous inspection over planning and re-equipment. Control from outside is not enough. The Benelux countries, the moderation of whose state-manship all applaud, endorse this principle, and it should be possible to reach international agreement upon it.

Practical Vision

But even if we can make a plan which retains effective controls, its value will be strictly limited unless it is related to a practical vision of the future. This is where Western Union has its part to play. There are many in France who want to work with Germany. To encourage this spirit it is our task to provide the necessary material safeguards while we join with our French friends in creating a Western Union in which Germany can take her place in a firm and ordered society. It is only within the orbit of a living Western Union that the German problem can be solved.

Let us not forget that historians warn us and rightly warn us, that the dangerous period, when irretrievable mistakes are apt to occur, is in the years immediately succeeding a long struggle, when the great achievement is in the recent past and there is often a relaxation of fibre in public life. (World Copyright. Reproduction in full or in part in any language strictly prohibited.)

ROSES FOR THE KING

The people of Australia and New Zealand have recovered from their bitter disappointment at the announcement that the King's ill-health makes his tour with the Queen and Princess Margaret, impossible at present. They have not abandoned their preparations for the Royal welcome, but have switched over from a short to a long-term plan for when the King has completely recovered.

Before news of the postponement of the Royal tour, Australians had planned a special tribute to the Queen. Every city and town of any size has planted acres of flowers in the Queen's favourite shades—pastel blues and pink.

Brisbane has decided, in spite of the cancellation of the tour, to complete a costly scheme to beautify the banks of the Brisbane River. The citizens have said: "It is a bitter disappointment, but the King and Queen will visit us one day and we must be ready."

The Governor-General's home at Canberra is being enlarged and re-decorated. Many Royal

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To him, who through the desolate years
Kept well the Faith
That quenched in him burned:

To him, who with a courage
That o'er-matched
The dreadful hazards
Of the time,
Spared not himself
To keep his Royal Covenant
"I serve"

To him, in the war-less days
Of drab and chill austerity
Yet laboured
For his people's good
The partisan of none;
The advocate of all.

No blaze of fame ephemeral
Plays on his part
Within the nation's governance,
No sounding brass,
His gentle influence proclaims
But we who are his people know,
And knowing, pray God's benison
On him our King,
On George the well-beloved.
A.R.T.

receptions and balls had been planned, and Australian tailors and stores have been swept clear of top-hats and formal clothes. Now Australians have put them away until the great day comes. In New Zealand also people are not allowing their keen disappointment to retard their preparations. Many public and commercial buildings have been renovated. Work on most of these, including the Governor-General's house at Auckland, where the King and Queen would have stayed, is to continue.

After the first shock of news of the King's indisposition, New Zealand decided to put all its Royal Welcome preparations to good use. The cities and towns will still be decorated at the planned time of the tour for "British Week."

Some New Zealanders who take pride in their gardens have said: "If the King is too ill to see our flowers, we must send a part of our gardens to him." The city of Auckland is sending His Majesty by air a consignment of choicest roses, carnations and orchids. Attached will be a card stating: "With respectful good wishes for a speedy restoration of Your Majesty's health."

—VICTOR HUDSON

SHARPENING STRIFE IN BERLIN

Recently, in this column, it was pointed out in regard to the blockade of Berlin that the original Russian plan had misinterpreted the plan assumed that the Western sectors of Berlin could not be kept permanently supplied by air. At the end of a month or so the Powers occupying them would have either to leave Berlin or to break the blockade. The latter course meant making war, in which the Western Powers would be at a double disadvantage—first, because the odium of declaring war would fall on them; secondly and mainly, because Russia had made exhaustive war-preparations, while they were unprepared.

The plan miscarried, because of the unexpected performance of the "air lift." What had been supposed incapable of delaying the supply crisis for more than four or five weeks at most was developed to the point of postponing it indefinitely. In the first week of October, General Clay announced officially that the Western Powers could keep their sectors supplied through the winter. Thus the original dilemma—to clear out or to fight—no longer confronted them.

War Plan

What then could Russia do? The season's growth had taken its toll, and the launch was over. Her war-plan must involve quick

organisation of a temporary force, Vigilantes or Special Police, available for any emergency occurring prior to the development of the Defence Force as a properly trained operational unit, which must be a slow process. The stage would ultimately be reached when those of the temporary force who desired would be incorporated into the Hong Kong Regiment or one of the other units. Nothing more is asked than the taking of a simple precaution. This, we think, may be suggested without implying that there is the slightest justification for the jitter, but asserting that it is the elementary duty of the Government—especially at a time when it appeals to the community's sense of duty—to leave nothing to chance.

So there remains the second course—interference with Berlin's municipality—and on that Soviet policy is now going full steam ahead. The stage has been set, hitherto by the fact that the existing Berlin City Council, chosen by free votes at the first and only Berlin election held since the war, is very predominantly anti-Communist. That is quite natural, having regard to the undoubted unpopularity of Russian-occupied zone.

They have now taken a long step further. Proclaiming the existing municipality illegal, they have announced a rival one in its place. This new body is, of course, nominated, not elected; it is purely a mere Russian puppet. But though it is not elected, it will function in the Russian sector only; it is claimed to be the municipality for the whole city. The head of the legal municipality has been excluded from the city hall (which is in the Russian sector), and an attempt is being made to force the municipality's staff—or such of them who do not live in one of

the Western sectors—to desert the legal and join the illegal service. The steps which led up to this were—first the creation of a special German police force for the Russian sector, and secondly the prevention of the legal city council from meeting at the city hall in that sector. Driven thus into the Western sectors, the municipality continued to administer services other than the police service for the city as a whole. But with the fledgling of the new puppet municipality that is ended. There are now two municipalities facing one another, and the city's services are bisected between them.

Why Not?

If it is asked "why not?" the answer is that the city's services were developed in the past for the city as a whole, and when the sector was marked out for military occupation no idea of dividing them for municipal purposes came into the map. If one thinks of water-supply, main drainage and the other main services, the amount of difficulty, discomfort and hardship likely to result from division can be readily surmised. It will not all fall on the Western sector; the Russian sector will suffer too, but the circumstance that the Russians have started it, and that the city hall itself was in their sector, suggests that the major hardship will fall on the areas of Western-occupation.

But the three Western Powers are not disposed to acquiesce in this latest Russian move. For the first time for nearly six months after deputy commanders met formally the other day, and this is regarded as the first step towards unifying administration in their sectors of the city. Needless to say it is very important that we should continue to carry the Berliners with us, and some weight, at least, should be allowed to that consideration in shaping our German policies elsewhere. In the case of the Ruhr, for instance, while we ought to be as much aware as the French are of the need for not allowing it to become more the corner-stone of German militarism, we must, at the same time, recognise its necessary economic role more fully than the French have. Above all we must make a real success of the Western zone, and see that the revival resulting from currency reform is not allowed to evaporate.

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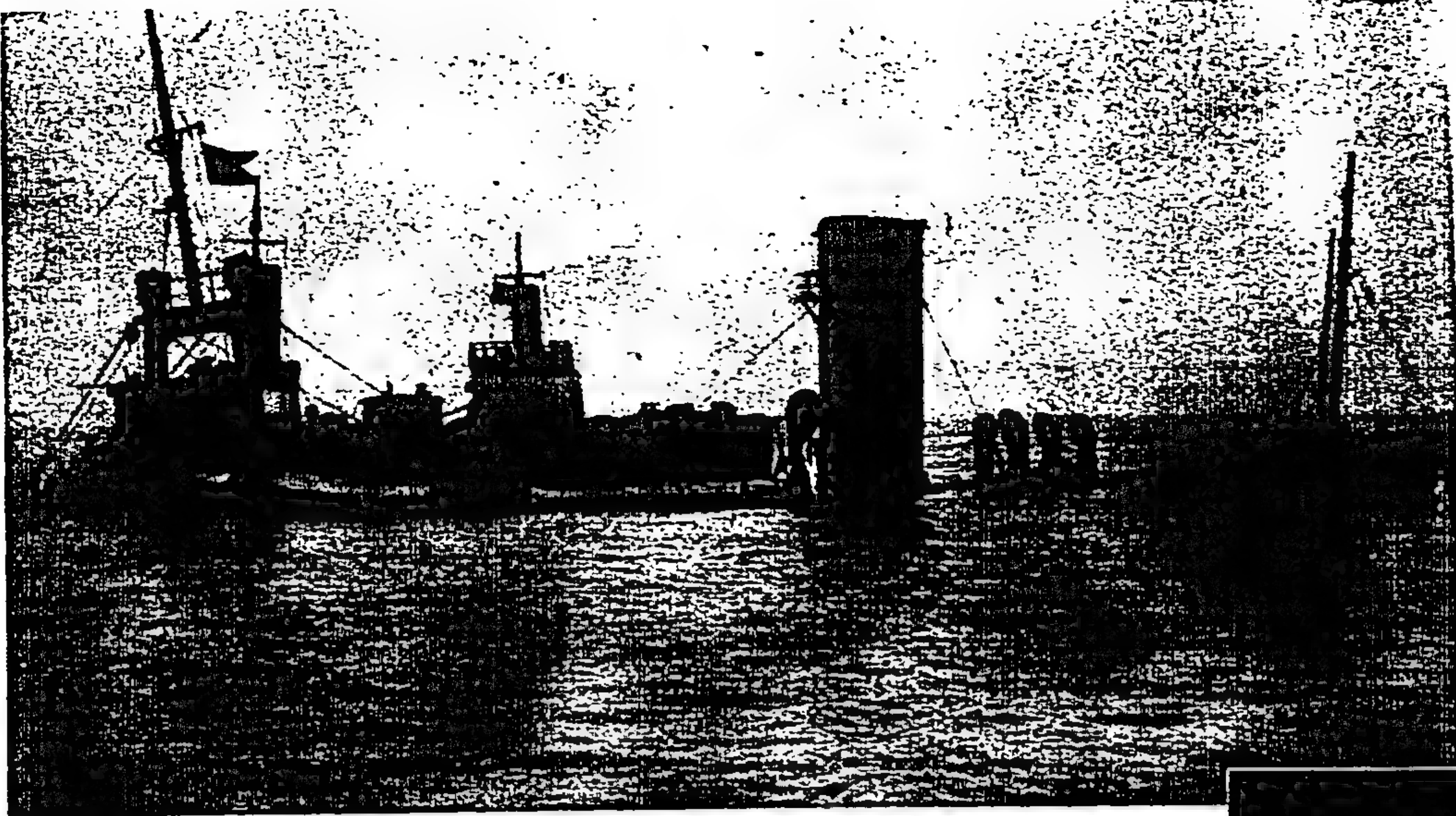
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SCENE OF DISASTER

The funnel and superstructures of the ill-fated ss Kiangya are all of the ship that protrudes above the water at the scene of one of the greatest shipping disasters in modern history. The Kiangya was carrying an estimated 4,000 frightened refugees from Shanghai to Ningpo, when an explosion in the vicinity of the engine room sent her to the bottom on December 3. In the rear is one of the rescue ships attempting to recover bodies. (A.P. photo)

A communique from the Royal Palace in Egypt on November 19 announced that King Farouk and Queen Farida (below) had been divorced on November 17. At the same time King Farouk's sister Empress Fawzia of Iran and her husband Shah Reza Pahlevi severed their marriage bonds. (A.P. photo)



Her Majesty Elizabeth greets Myrna Loy, who stands beside Britain's Margaret Lockwood during the presentation of stars to Her Majesty at the Royal Command Film Performance at the Empire Theatre.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, samples a dish she made from snoek (canned fish whose merits are a frequent Food Ministry topic)



After being held up for 14 days by strikes and fog the Queen Elizabeth slipped quietly out of Southampton on the morning tide at 10.15 a.m. on December 1. The liner had a rousing sendoff as she put to sea for Cherbourg to pick up a further 600 passengers before setting course for New York. (A.P. photo)



Mr. Yencie Oldham poses with his bride, formerly Miss Carol Peck, outside St. John's Cathedral on December 11. (China Mail photo)



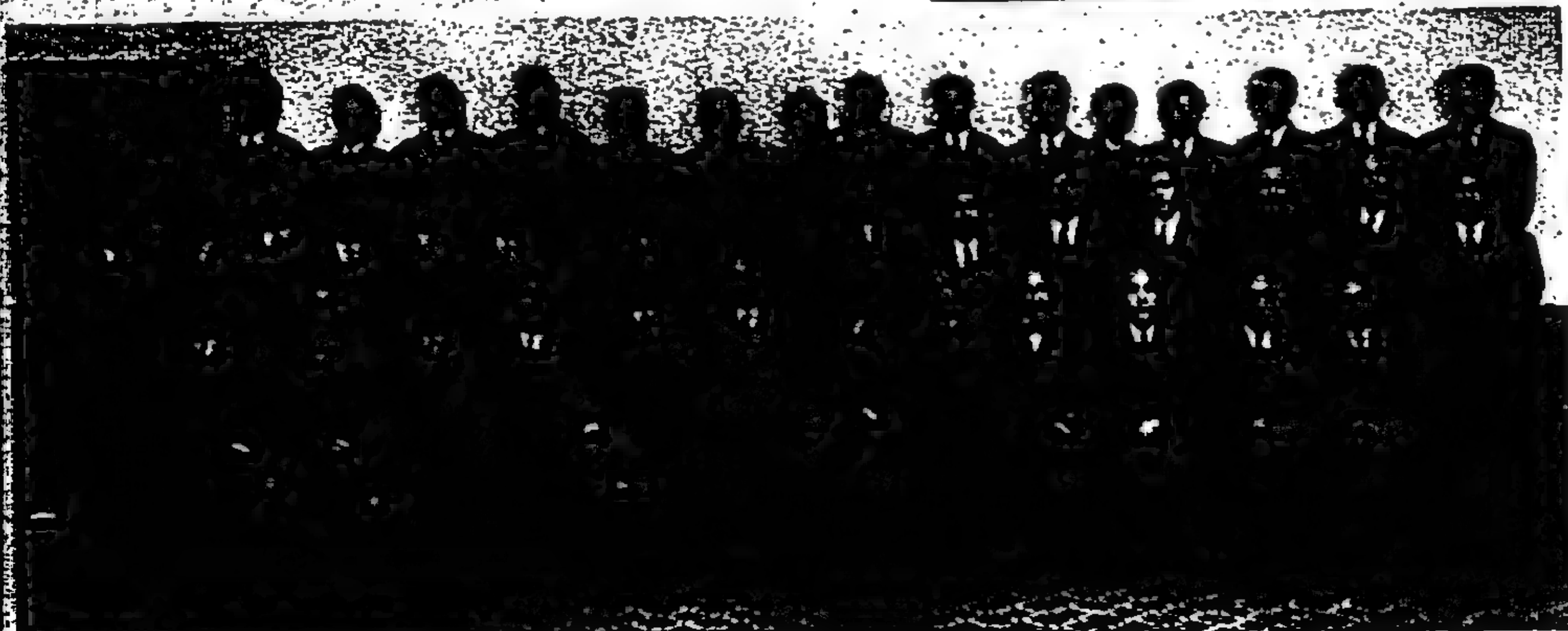
Group photograph taken after the wedding at All Saints Church on Saturday last of Dr. Fung Kun-Fat, of the Kwong Wah Hospital, and Miss Pennie Woo. (Ming Yuen)



Some smiling, some shy, at a Christmas party given by Janet and Martin, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Saul, on December 12. (Ming Yuen photo)



Mr. K.B. Loone and Miss Lena Ng were married at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday last, this photograph being taken after the ceremony. (Ming Yuen)



Celebrating their 16th anniversary, the Medicine Dealers' Guild held a dinner party at the Kam Ling restaurant. In the front row are Mr. Arthur Rowan, chairman of the Guild (sixth from left), and Mr. Mok Tsun Fong, Manufacturers' representative in South China (fourth from right). Mr. T. P. Mahon (right-hand side of chairman) and Major Frost (on chairman's left) were the guests of honour. (Sun Ying Ming photo)

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(L to R) The Bishop of Hong Kong (Monsignor Valtorta), His Eminence, Cardinal Tien and the French Consul General, (M. Jobez) attend the Service at the French Convent in celebration of the centenary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. (Ming Yuen photo)



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is greeted by the French Consul General on arrival at the French Convent to attend the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres' centenary celebrations. (China Mail photo)

A scene from the operetta "Doll's Wedding," performed by the young children of the French Convent School as part of the Convent centenary celebrations. (China Mail photo)



A happy group at the ninth birthday party of George Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall, at Kowloon on December 11. (Mee Cheung photo)



Another view of the presentation of the operetta "Doll's Wedding" by the young children of the French Convent school on the occasion of the centenary celebration recently. (China Mail photo)

Some of the older girls of the French Convent School performing for the guests. (China Mail photo)

The Governor, unveils a memorial plaque to the Reverend T. W. Pearce at the recent re-dedication of the Pearce Memorial Wing at the University of Hong Kong. (Ming Yuen photo)

The Governor addressing the gathering at the formal re-opening of Morrison Hall. (Ming Yuen photo)



At a recent social reception for new students at the Oakland College of the Holy Name, California, Miss Veronica Sun of Shanghai, was greeted as the latest student from the Orient to join the college.

A recent oil painting by Lee Byng of Mrs. Mina To, wife of Dr. Ernest To.

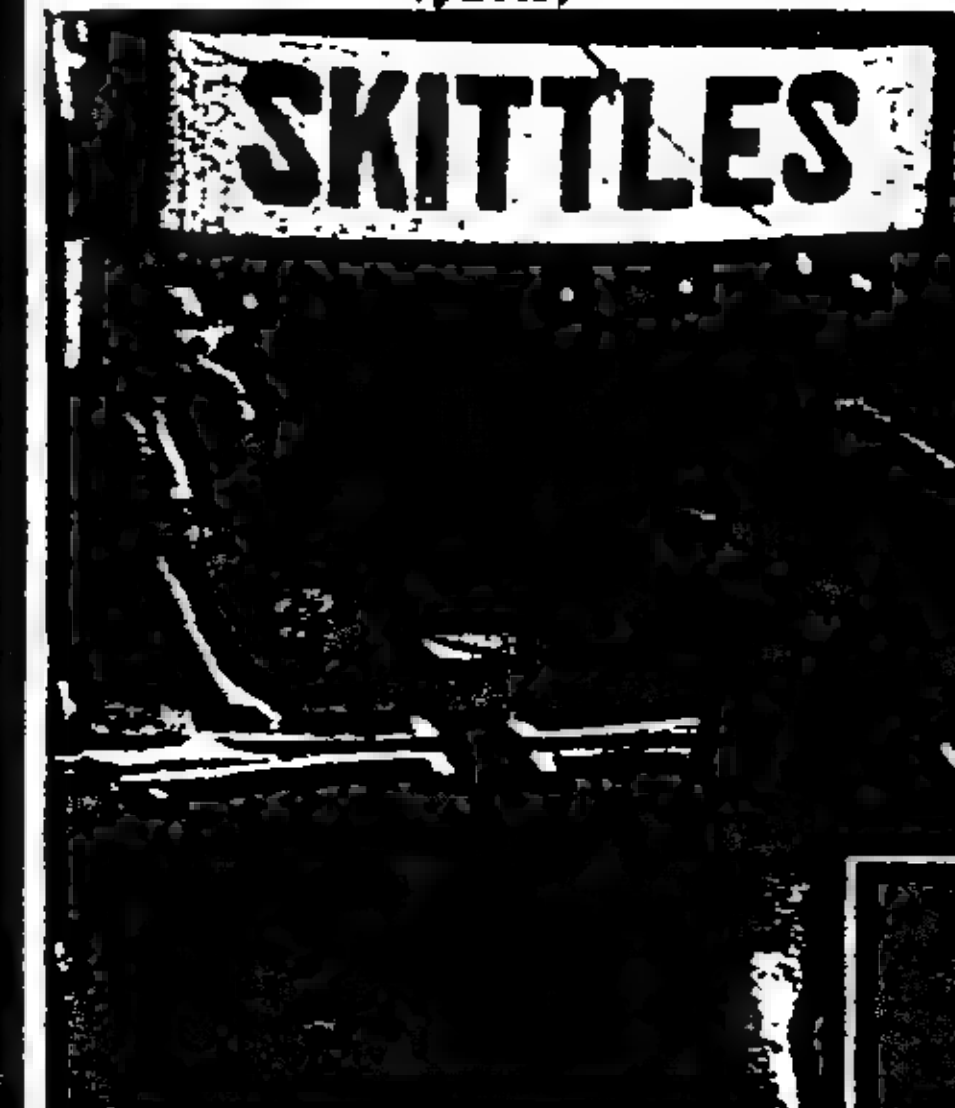


Mrs. J. McKelvie presents a prize to Mr. E. F. Pope at the presentation at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on December 11. (China Mail photo)

Fast action in a friendly basketball game on the USS Tarawa between a ship's team and the South China Association. (China Mail photo)



A determined effort being made in the skittle alley at the Flagstaff House Fete held in aid of the Services Welfare Fund on December 11. (China Mail photo)



Mrs. Madden, wife of Rear Admiral Madden, preparing to open the Flagstaff House Fete on December 11. (China Mail photo)



Mr. J. E. Noronha receives the Championship Shield, on behalf of the Club de Recreio, from Mrs. J. McKelvie at the presentation of prizes at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on December 11. (China Mail photo)

Explosive charges being laid in a cargo of dangerous chemicals which were destroyed at sea by the RAOC on December 10. (China Mail photo)



A throng gathered round the stalls at the recent bazaar at the St. Stephen's Girls College.

Mrs. Tso receiving a gift from the schoolgirls of St. Stephen's Girls' College on the occasion of the school bazaar. (China Mail photo)



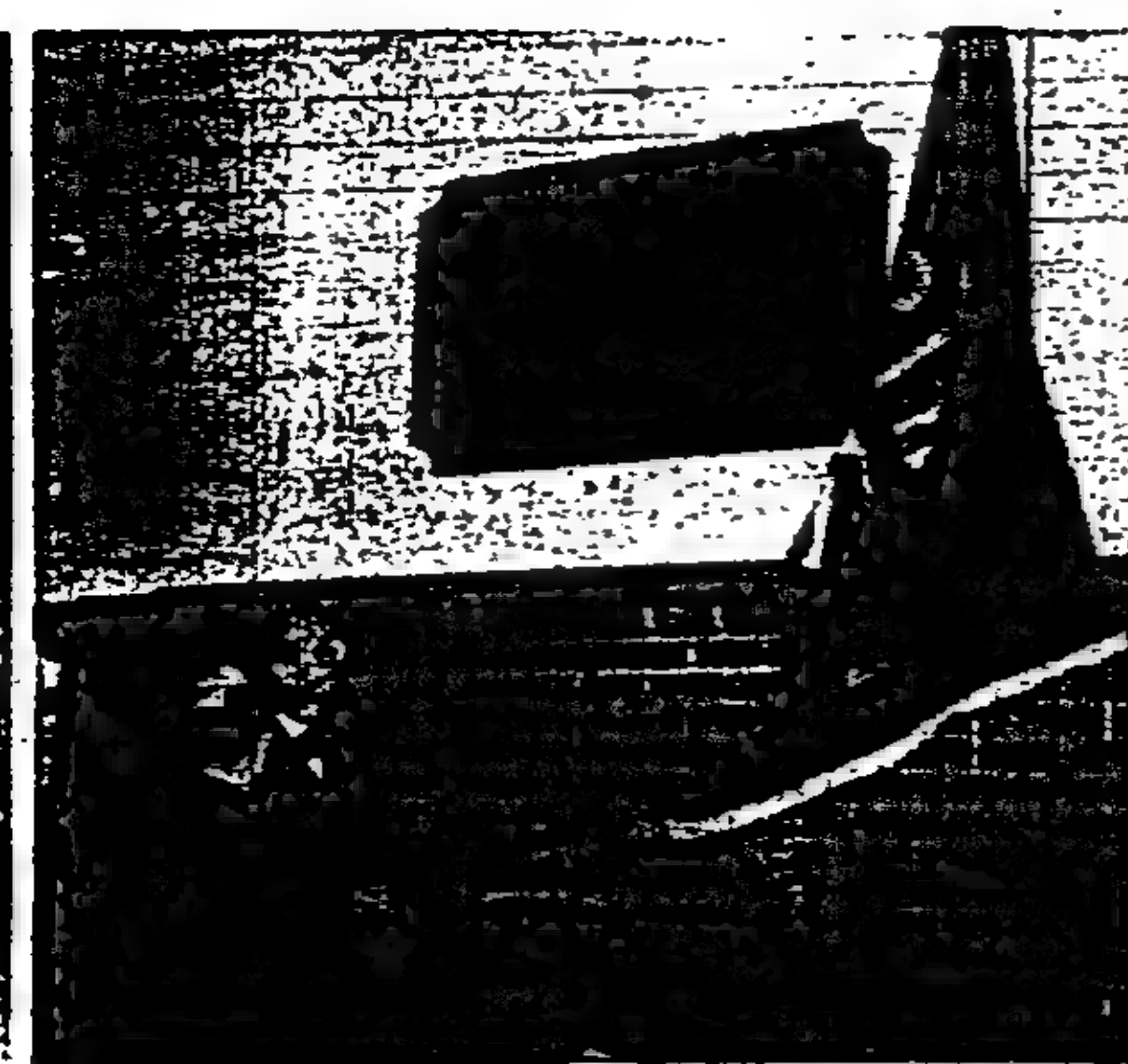


(L to R) The Bishop of Hong Kong (Monsignor Valtorta), His Eminence, Cardinal Tien and the French Consul General, (M. Jobez) attend the Service at the French Convent in celebration of the centenary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. (Ming Yuen photo)



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is greeted by the French Consul General on arrival at the French Convent to attend the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres' centenary celebrations. (China Mail photo)

A scene from the operatta "Doll's Wedding," performed by the young children of the French Convent School as part of the Convent centenary celebrations. (China Mail photo)



The Governor, unveils a memorial plaque to the Reverend T. W. Pearce at the recent re-dedication of the Pearce Memorial Wing at the University of Hong Kong. (Ming Yuen photo)

The Governor addressing the gathering at the formal re-opening of Morrison Hall. (Ming Yuen photo)



At a recent social reception for new students at the Oakland College of the Holy Name, California, Miss Veronica Sun of Shanghai, was greeted as the latest student from the Orient to join the college.

A recent oil painting by Lee Bying of Mrs. Mina To, wife of Dr. Ernest To. (China Mail photo)



A happy group at the ninth birthday party of George Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall, at Kowloon on December 11. (Mee Cheung photo)



Another view of the presentation of the operatta "Doll's Wedding" by the young children of the French Convent school on the occasion of the centenary celebration recently. (China Mail photo)

Some of the older girls of the French Convent School performing for the guests. (China Mail photo)

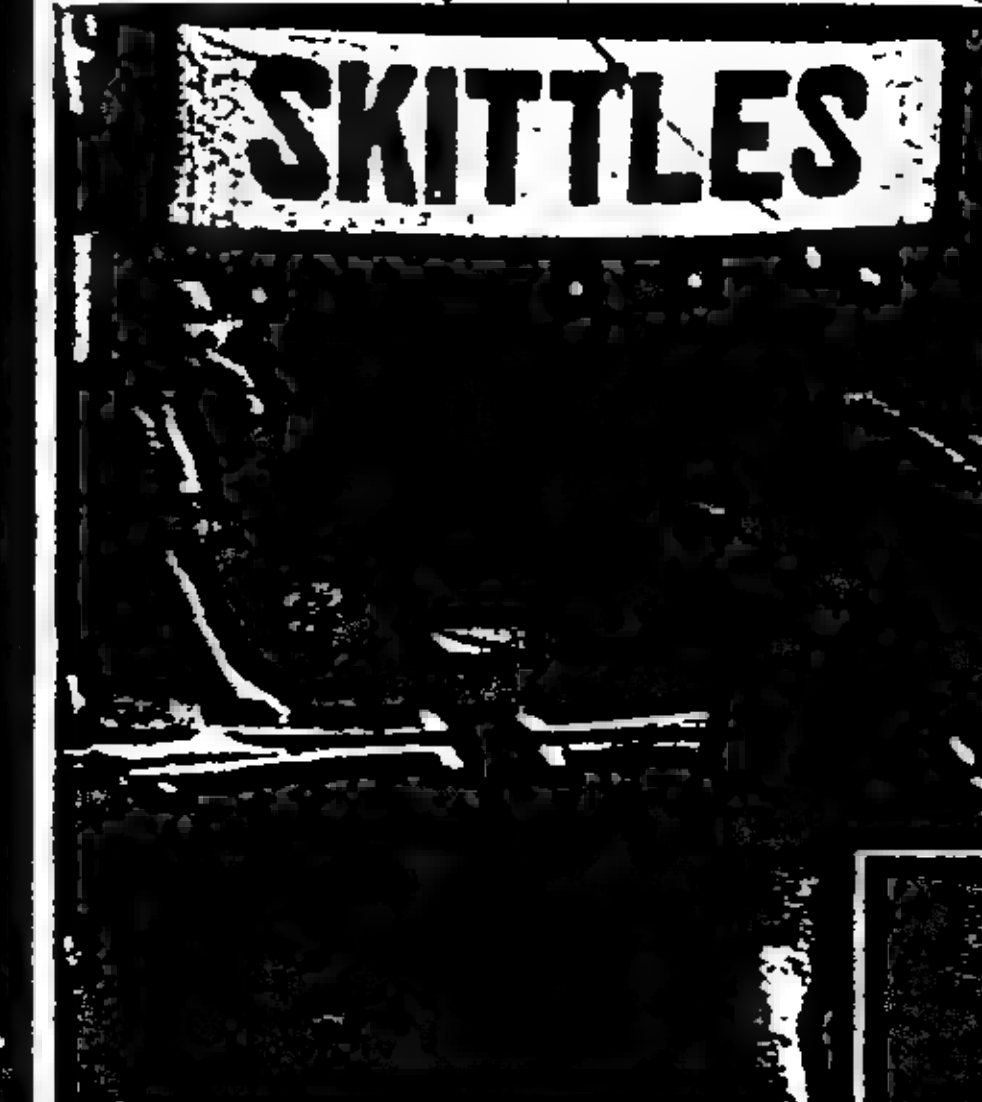


Mrs. J. McKelvie presents a prize to Mr. E. F. Pope at the presentation at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on December 11. (China Mail photo)

Fast action in a friendly basketball game on the USS Tarawa between a ship's team and the South China Association. (China Mail photo)



A determined effort being made in the skittle alley at the Flagstaff House Fete held in aid of the Services Welfare Fund on December 11. (China Mail photo)



Mrs. Madden, wife of Rear Admiral Madden, preparing to open the Flagstaff House Fete on December 11. (China Mail photo)



Mr. J. E. Noronha receives the Championship Shield, on behalf of the Club de Recreio, from Mrs. J. McKelvie at the presentation of prizes at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on December 11. (China Mail photo)



Explosive charges being laid in a cargo of dangerous chemicals which were destroyed at sea by the RAOC on December 10. (China Mail photo)



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The Schoolboy Detective

By MARIE MARSHALL

THE MYSTERY OF GREY ROCK CREEK

PART III

Rob recognised the voice. Turning quickly he saw Lionel Martin on the bridge.

"You're a nice one!" shouted Lionel. "I thought we were going to do this job together this afternoon!"

"And what about you?" Rob was equally indignant. So Lionel was trying to score off him!

"I'll never tell you another thing!" Lionel rested his elbows on the rail. "You wouldn't have heard of the mystery if I hadn't told you. Anyway, from now on—I'm fished!"

And then both boys saw the humor of the situation, and laughed.

"Well, what have you discovered anyway?" Lionel moved away from the bridge rail and returned a few seconds later with a shovel. "I brought this along, thinking it might come in handy."

He slipped through the rail to the creek bed, and was soon standing beside the schoolboy detective.

"I've seen the man," Rob kept his eyes on the bridge, wondering if the stranger would return. "He's tall and walks in an odd way. I'd easily know him again. He came back for a hat."

"A hat?" Lionel stared. "A hat. He must have left it hanging on a bush when he was here yesterday."

"And you let him get away with it?" Lionel jabbed the earth with the shovel to relieve his feelings. "And you kid you're a detective! You calmly let him come and—"

"We're just wasting time!" Rob began to examine the ground for signs that it had been disturbed. He felt convinced that the secret was in the bed of Grey Rock Creek—but where?

Lionel made a great show of turning up the soil with the shovel, digging up at random clumps of grass and gravel and throwing it to one side with a flourish and exclaiming every few minutes: "I'm sure I've hit something!" As each turn of the sod

showed him nothing, his energy lagged, and he told Rob that he'd had enough and was going home to breakfast. Rob asked for the shovel.

"Don't tell me that Sherlock's going to do some work!" Lionel handed it over and the schoolboy detective carried it a short distance into some scrub. Curious, Lionel followed.

"This has been dug up recently," said Rob slowly, his eyes on a small mound of earth. Quite a small hole. I should think."

Lionel shouldered. "I've been scared of really finding something—something awful. Don't dig it now."

"Not before breakfast, eh?" Rob's hand trembled on the handle of the shovel, although in his voice he tried to betray no concern.

The earth was soft and the shovel cut deep.

"Heave ho!" cried Rob, tossing the soil to one side. He was about to plunge the shovel into the same spot again, when Lionel said very quietly: "We're too late. Here's that tall chap back again to the scene of the crime."

Both boys turned towards the bridge where the mysterious stranger was standing, looking furtively in all directions, as if he feared being watched.

This time he did not take a flying leap from the bridge. Instead, he left the bridge, and the boys, crouching among the bushes, saw him come down the slope. He was carrying a spade.

(To be continued).

One Fine Winter's Night

One evening when I finished my homework, I was free to read my books. The story I read was so exciting that I could not put it away.

A moment later I went to bed but I found that I couldn't sleep and I was feeling miserable, for anyone who can't sleep will feel that way. All of a sudden I remembered that the day was the fifteenth day of the moon.

I then quickly and quietly got out of my bed without disturbing anyone and went by the side of the window where I could see clearly the sky, and sat there watching the Queen of the Sky moving across her kingdom in the beautiful moonlit night.

As the Queen of the Sky moved along her kingdom thousands of her maids waited upon her and as she passed them, they shone and twinkled to guide her way.

Suddenly the wind blew and the stillness of the night was broken by the sound of the quivering trees, but soon it was calm again, and I watched her travel on and on in the sky until she was lost to view.

But once again the Queen of the Sky reappeared, and all around me was a scene of perfect silence, and I was there sitting at the window admiring the silver moonlit night, until it went on and developed into a black one. The moon became weary after her long journey across the sky and gradually she went to rest on the eastern sky. The stars, too, ceased to twinkle.

My room turned into darkness and I went back to my bed and slept peacefully till the early morning.

Second prize for the Story Competition went to Dorothy Wong, of 10 Chancery Lane, Hong Kong.

FISHING

My father is very fond of fishing. He goes fishing whenever he has time.

One day, he allowed me to go with him, and we went to a little lake. The water was very clear, and we could see several fish swimming about. I put the bait on the hook, and threw it into the water. The fish came near and ate the food. After eating, the fish simply left the hook and nothing happened.

I wondered why and told my father. My father laughed and he said, "The reason why you didn't catch the fish is because you should not let the fish see your hook. If the fish sees it, it can never be caught. Now try again and remember don't let the fish see the hook."

I thanked my father for his good advice and did what he had taught me to do. I covered the hook with food. As expected, some fish came near. One of them, quicker than the rest, tried to swallow the food and it was caught. I pulled it up, and it was a very beautiful fish. It seemed so very big in the water, but when it was out of the water it was only half as big as it had appeared to be. It weighed a little over four ounces, and I was so proud, because I caught it all myself.

Honour certificate to Gordon Cheung, of 24 Yick Yam Street, (first floor) Happy Valley.

JOSEPH THE SERVANT

There was a king who had a servant called Joseph. His job was to clean pots and pans—help the servant maids to carry water, and go to the market to buy vegetables and fruits.

One day when he came home, he found an old man on the palace door-steps. The old man looked so hungry that Joseph gave him some of his fruit. The old man returned the next day and again Joseph gave him some fruit. The same was repeated for several days, and one day the old man did not take the fruit but got up and beckoned Joseph to follow him.

They stopped in front of a house, and before Joseph could say anything the door opened, it was very dark inside, and he was standing in a dark hall.

At first Joseph was frightened but suddenly he heard a beautiful song coming from somewhere, so he followed the sound until he came to a beautiful room.

A man dressed in precious

robes got up and welcomed Joseph, saying "I am a wizard disguised as a poor man. I found pleasure in watching the people of the country, and you have always been kind to me and you have earned a reward."

He then led Joseph into a hall with hundreds of doors each bearing a golden sign.

The first door he opened, Joseph saw the princess of Persia, who was very pretty. Second he opened another door, and saw the princess of Egypt who was prettier than the first, he then opened the third door and saw the princess of Arabia who was also pretty.

Before Joseph could decide the wizard told him that there was one thing he must do first, and pointing to the edge of the town he said, "You must go and bring me a bird that lays golden eggs." So Joseph went, he climbed the mountains, crossed a desert, through the jungle, and at last he came to a well.

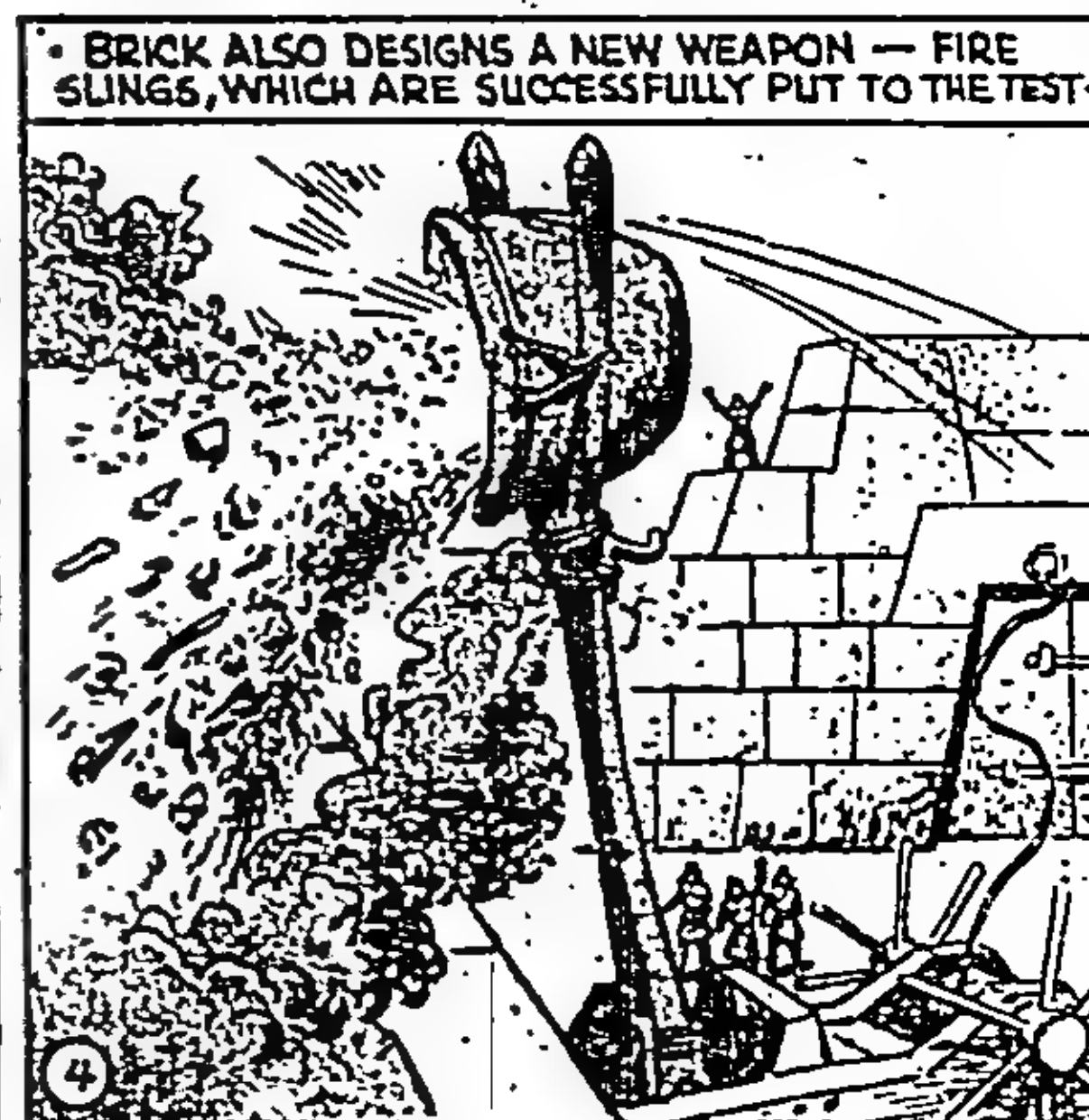
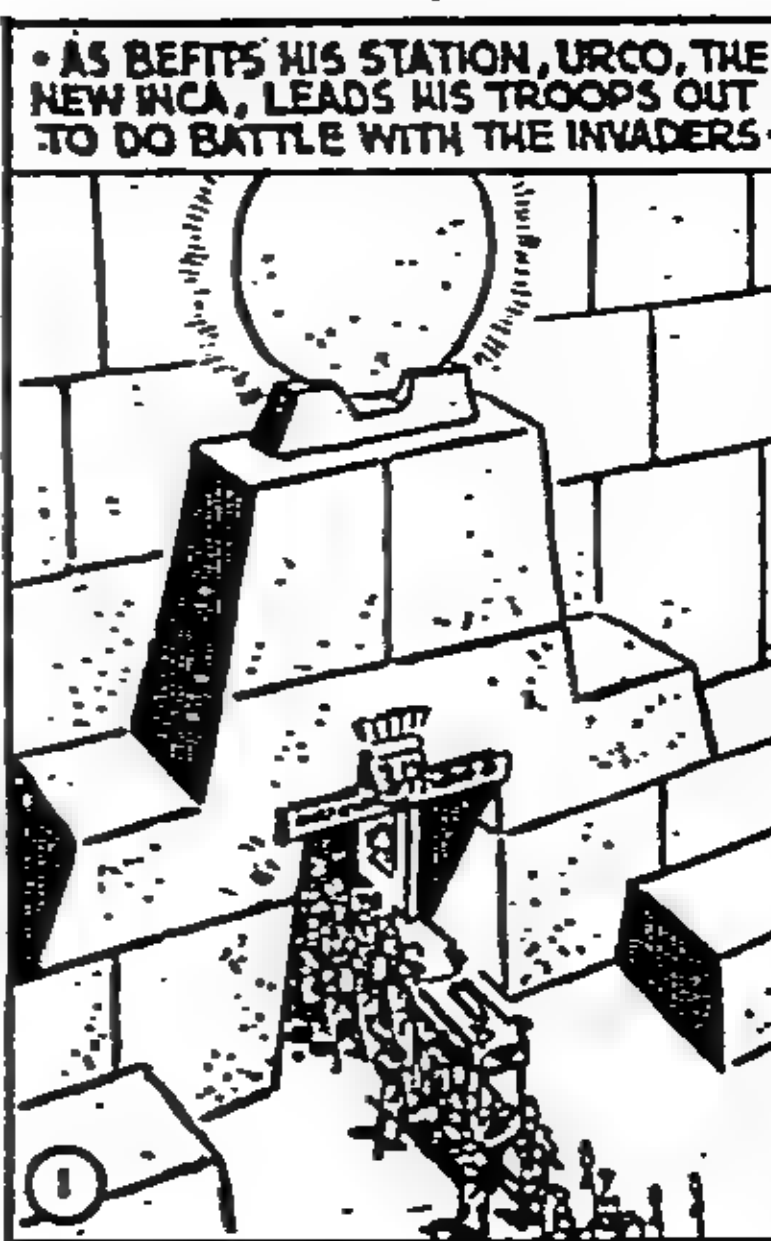
He stepped forward and he saw a tree! Now upon this tree there was a singing bird, and it was the bird with golden eggs. Just as Joseph lifted the cage, a stone began to cry. Naturally Joseph was surprised at this.

"A talking stone!" he said, "I am really a human being but the bad witch turned me into a stone, and I can be saved if you take the golden eggs and put them back into the well. Joseph felt sorry for the stone but if he would throw the eggs away, he could never hope to marry any beautiful princess."

But he was very kind hearted so he took the golden eggs and cast them into the well.

The stone then changed into a beautiful maiden, and he married her and lived happily ever after.

This is the winner of the Story. It's from Fanny Ho of 17 Wing Fung Street, West (2nd fl) Wanchai, Hong Kong.



In The Mailbag

ELAINE GERRETTY, I'll be very glad indeed to have those riddles you mentioned in your letter, also I am happy to know that you enjoy reading the "Children's Herald" so much.

JUDY STEWART is now a new member of the H.C.C. Will you please let me know when your birthday is?

ZHARA NEVES, I'm very sorry I won't be able to make the "Children's Herald" into a booklet, as you see it will need so many more pages, and also it will take a lot more time to print it; and if we did have it in booklet form, I don't think we would be able to have it every Sunday.

H.C.C. Members

NAME: Patricia Ellender.
ADDRESS: 26, Peak Mansions, Hong Kong.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Swimming and hiking.

NAME: Judith Shirley Evans.
ADDRESS: 56, Courtlands, Kennedy Road.
AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting.

NAME: Mary Elizabeth Elliott.
ADDRESS: East Gate House, Taikoo Dockyard, Hong Kong.
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Knitting, and collecting photos.

NAME: Josephine Eleazer.
ADDRESS: 2, Castle Steps, Hong Kong.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Sports, cooking and looking after animals.

NAME: Margaret T. Ferguson.
ADDRESS: 14, Chung King Arcade, Kowloon.
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting, painting and colouring.

NAME: Michael Felton.
ADDRESS: 123, Boundary Street, Kowloon.
AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Swimming, reading and collecting stamps.

NAME: Marian Elizabeth Franklin.
ADDRESS: Police Headquarters, Hong Kong.
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps, and pictures of dogs.

NAME: Rosemary Ann Felton.
ADDRESS: 123, Boundary Street, Kowloon.
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Swimming, dancing, singing and ice-skating.

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AGE: 12.
HOBBIES: Stamps, reading, music and swimming.

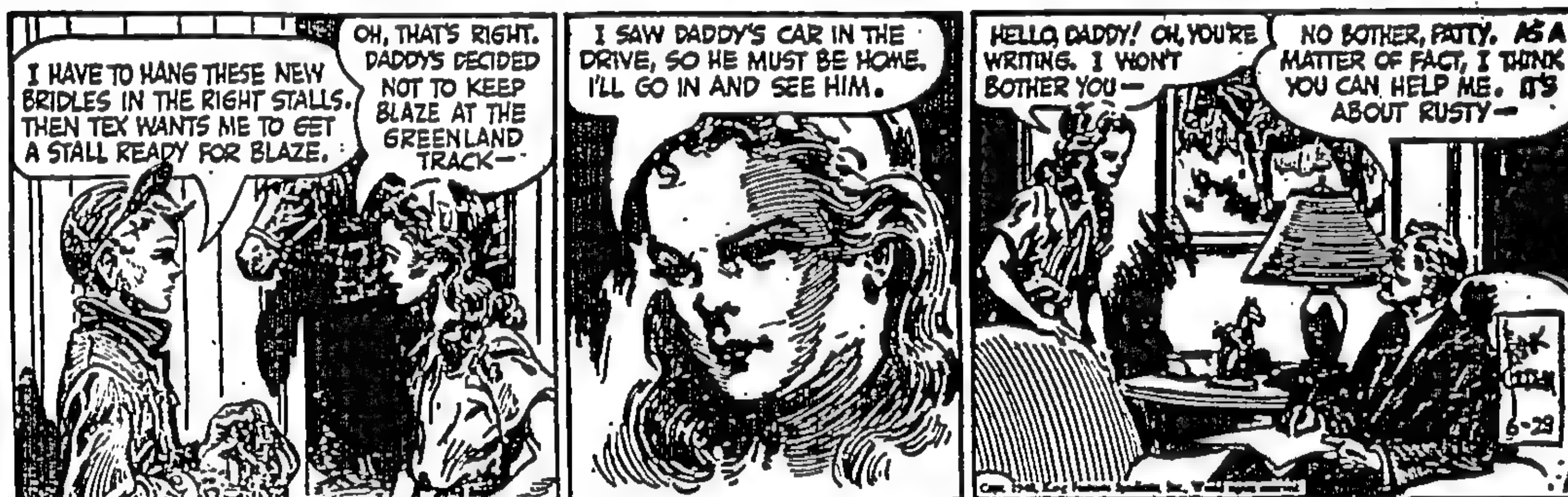
NAME: Elaine Gerretty.
ADDRESS: Room 318, Melbourne Hotel.
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Hockey, embroidery, reading and class work.

NAME: Patricia Regina Garcia.
ADDRESS: 29, Shelley Street, (1st fl.) Hong Kong.
AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Music, swimming, collecting stamps, cycling and skating.

NAME: Diana Hooton.
ADDRESS: Harbour View Hotel, Kowloon.
AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Nature studies, sewing, and knitting.

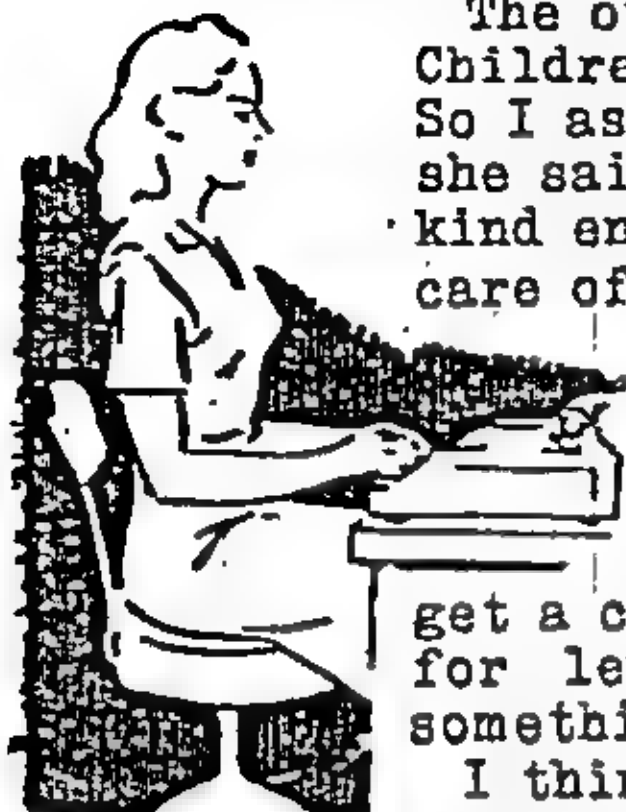
RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin



Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



You might be surprised at the different people who are fond of reading your Herald.

The other day I went to visit a friend. She was reading the Children's Herald, and next to her I saw a big pile of them. So I asked, "You collect the Children's Herald, too?" "No," she said, "the amah upstairs collects them, and she's been kind enough to let me have a look at them. The amah takes great care of them and asked me to be careful with them."

"She enjoys reading The Herald and when she doesn't understand a word or two she will ask me to explain it to her." My friend added, "Do you know this is the first time I've ever read it, and I do admire the boys and girls who write so very well. Yes, I'm going to get a copy every Sunday from now onwards, and thanks to amah for lending them to me, for I've certainly discovered something."

I think the credit should go to all of you who contributed so many excellent articles, for without your help it would not be a success.

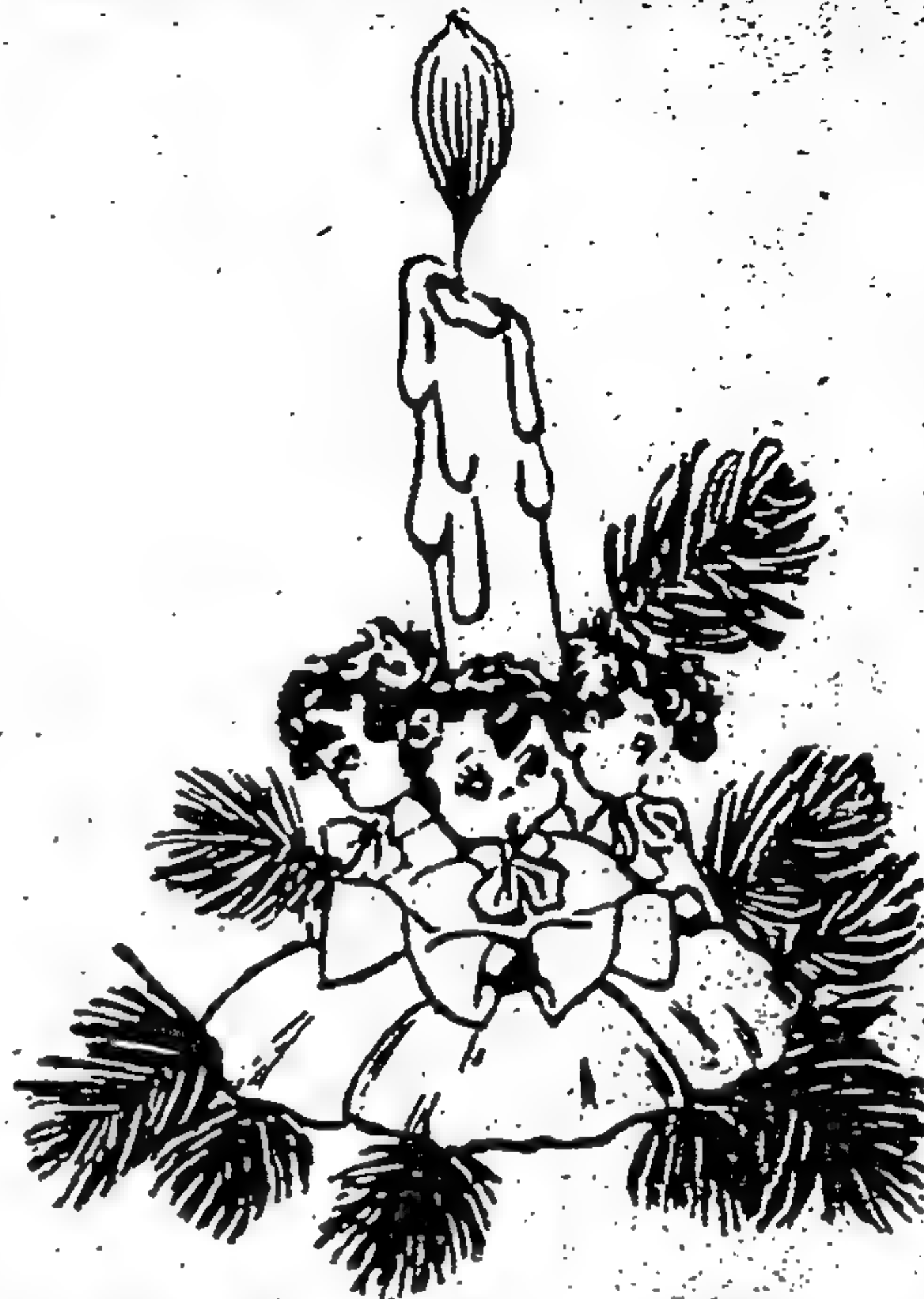
I hope next year the Herald is going to be even better than this year, and it will be if you all help.

It will be past Christmas when next I write, so I am taking this opportunity of wishing you all A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



THE WINNERS

There was a very large entry of drawings for the competition, and they were of a really high standard. In fact, I wished I could have given prizes to every one of them! Anyway, after much thought I have chosen the following, who deserve hearty congratulations.

First prize of \$10 has been sent to Robert Lang of 9, King's Terrace Kowloon, second prize of

\$7 goes to Albert Xavier of 10 Austin Avenue, Kowloon and third prize of \$5 goes to Law Ping Shue of 27 Caroline Hill Road, (1st. fl.) Hong Kong.

Consolation prizes goes to Samuel Samy of 6 Hillwood Road, (1st. fl.) Kowloon, Henry Chan of 7 Lee Yuen Street, West (2nd. fl.) Hong Kong and Henry Hamid, of 114 Tung Lo Wan Road (2nd. fl.) Hong Kong.

RIDDLES

Why can you never starve at the seaside?

Answer: Because each wave comes in with a roll.

Which are the most widespread letters?

Answer: The 'e's (eas).

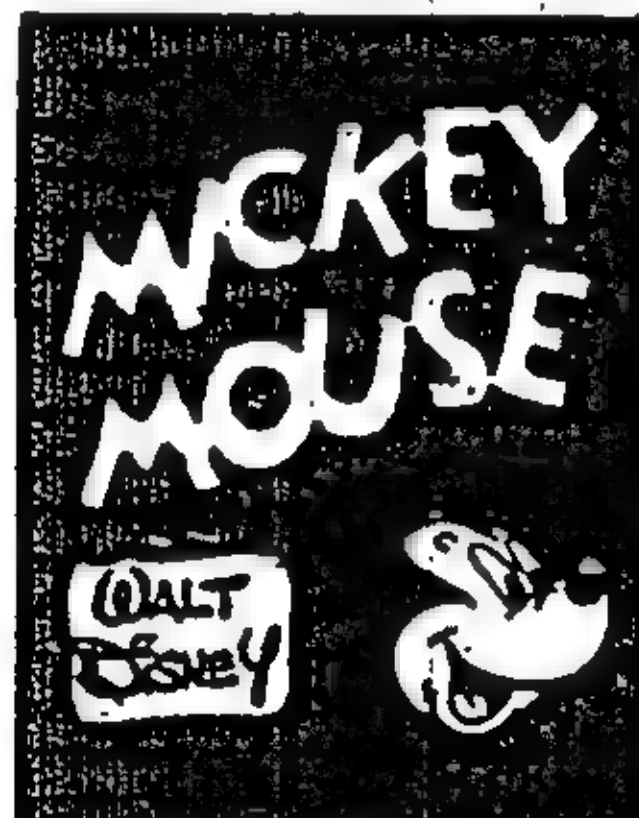
What wind would please a hungry sailor?

Answer: One that blows from the sea.

This week's competition is something you all like. You can paint the picture in any colours. When you are sure it is finished send it to me, Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House. There will be special prizes. First prize \$10, second prize \$7,

third prize \$5 and six certificates having five points, and four certificates having three points will be awarded.

Mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Christmas Competition."





Praying For The Moon

Shirley was only a very little girl, not much more than five. She just didn't understand as much as she thought she did; otherwise she would never have made the strange prayer she prayed one night.

At bedtime she knelt down beside her mamma to say her prayers. "Dear Jesus," she began, "thank you for a happy day and for all the nice things you have given me. Bless dear daddy and mamma. Bless my sister and brother, and watch over me as I go to sleep; and please, please Jesus, give me the moon. I do so want to play with it. Amen."

"Darling," said mamma, "what a strange little prayer! Why did you pray for the moon?" "Because I want to play with it," said Shirley.

"But, dear, that wouldn't be fair to other little children," said mamma. "Why should you have all the beauty and brightness of the moon all to yourself while others are left in the dark?"

"Don't you think Jesus will give me the moon?" asked Shirley. "No, dear," said mamma. "I don't think Jesus will, for the Bible tells us that we should not pray for anything just for our own enjoyment, for if we do we will be disappointed, and Jesus never answer selfish prayers."

"I remember a little boy once prayed for an elephant, he thought it would be fun to have it in his garden, so he wouldn't have to go all the way to the zoo to ride on it. But he never gave a thought to his mamma, who would have to feed it, or to his daddy, who would have to build a great big house for it, or to all the trouble it might be to the people next door." "Did the little boy get the elephant?" asked Shirley. "He certainly did not," said mamma. "It wouldn't have been good for him, and Jesus, who loves little children, will not do anything that might bring us harm."

"I thought you said that Jesus will give us everything we ask Him for," said Shirley in a disappointed tone of voice.

"Not everything," said mamma. "We can pray for His help and expect it in every time of need, but when it comes to asking for things, we must be careful only to ask for what may be helpful, not only to ourselves but to others. The more unselfish our prayers, the more likely they are to be answered."

"So Jesus won't give me the moon, mamma?" asked Shirley. "No, darling, not just now," said mamma with a smile. "We will leave it right up there in the sky for everybody in the world to enjoy."

Then mamma kissed her little girl good-night while the moonbeams crept slowly and softly across Shirley's bed.

Third prize for the Story Competition went to Winnie Read of 23 Lock Road (3rd. fl.) Kowloon.

Merry Moments

Place Names.

Waitress: "You must be Hungarian, sir."

Customer: "Yes, Sian, and we can't Rumania long either. Venice lunch ready?"

Waitress: "I'll Russia table. What'll you have?"

Customer: "Anything, but can't Jamaica little speed?"

Waitress: "I don't think we can Fiji all that quickly, but the cook's here so Alaska."

Customer: "Put a Cuba sugar in the tea."

Waitress: "Sweden it yourself. I'm only here to Serbia."

Customer: "Denmark our bill, and call the Bosphorus. I don't Bolivia know who I am."

Waitress: "No, I don't Caribbean!"

Customer: "Now that's Norway to talk. What's got India?"

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Miss Ann Jones of "Highlands," Austin Avenue, Kowloon, had her eighth birthday yesterday, December 18.

On December 20 ELIZABETH ANN ROSEMARY GRANT of 12c. Carnarvon Road Top floor, Kowloon, will be 12 years old.

On December 23 EMILY MA of 47, Peking Road 2nd. floor, Kowloon, will be 14 years old.

A very Happy Birthday to both of you.

The Stern Master



Honour certificate to R.G. Watson, of Lyton House, Room 815, Kowloon.

Willie's Christmas Present

It was winter and very cold, and Willie was lying ill in bed. He had been ill for many weeks but was now getting better. The doctor said that he would soon be able to get out of bed, but he was not to go out for a long time.

Willie was very sad when he heard this and could hardly keep from crying. He wanted to look at shop windows filled with Christmas presents, and to see them all lit up at night.

Willie's sister Maggie was a kind hearted girl and she tried very hard to cheer him up. She went out every day to see the shop windows and came back to tell him all about it.

There were pretty things in nearly all the shop windows, and in one there was a big Father Christmas. He had a long white beard, and his large pockets were filled with all kinds of toys. How warm he seemed to be in his big coat and fur cap, and what a kind face he had.

When Maggie told Willie about him, he would close his eyes and think of the shop window. But there was one thing which Maggie did not tell Willie about, it was a little wooden horse.

You see, Maggie wanted to buy Willie that horse but she did not have enough money, and every day she saved some money up until at last Christmas came and she was still short of three pence. Luck was with her for when her father came home that night he gave her a bright new sixpence, and told her she was to spend it as she liked. You cannot imagine how happy Maggie was.

She went at once to the shop and bought the horse. Next morning when Willie woke and saw what a glad surprise he had, he was very happy. The whole family were happy to know that Maggie was an unselfish girl, and

An Impolite Girl

There once lived a girl named Margie. She had no manners and was very rude to everyone she met, even to her father and mother.

One day her mother was making a new sky blue dress, she watched her mother and said, "Oh! There's a spot of ink on my dress, and you have spoiled it, mother." How rude she was. Her mother said, "It wasn't there when I bought it, I should have looked more carefully." Margie, hearing this, began grumbling.

After the dress was finished, she began to try it on, and found that the dress did not fit her, for it was far too small; so she asked her mother why. Her mother explained it to her that when she was grumbling she forgot all about the cloth, and cut the piece where the spot was. You see, she was very angry at Margie for being so rude, so she cut a big piece out, and now the dress was small.

Margie began crying, she cried all day and was so sad that she apologised to her mother and told her she would never be an impolite girl again.

Her mother was very pleased, so the next day she bought another piece of cloth and made her another dress. Now Margie is a very polite girl and everyone likes her a lot.

Honour certificate to Therese Lo of 9, Kai Yuen Terrace, ground floor, North Point, Hong Kong.

What is the difference between water and time?
level, but time levels all things.
Answer: none.

they all really had a very Merry Christmas.

Honour certificate to Zahara Neres of 5 Dragon Terrace Ground floor, Hong Kong

PIGMY CARTOON



"We made the store detective Santa Claus this year."

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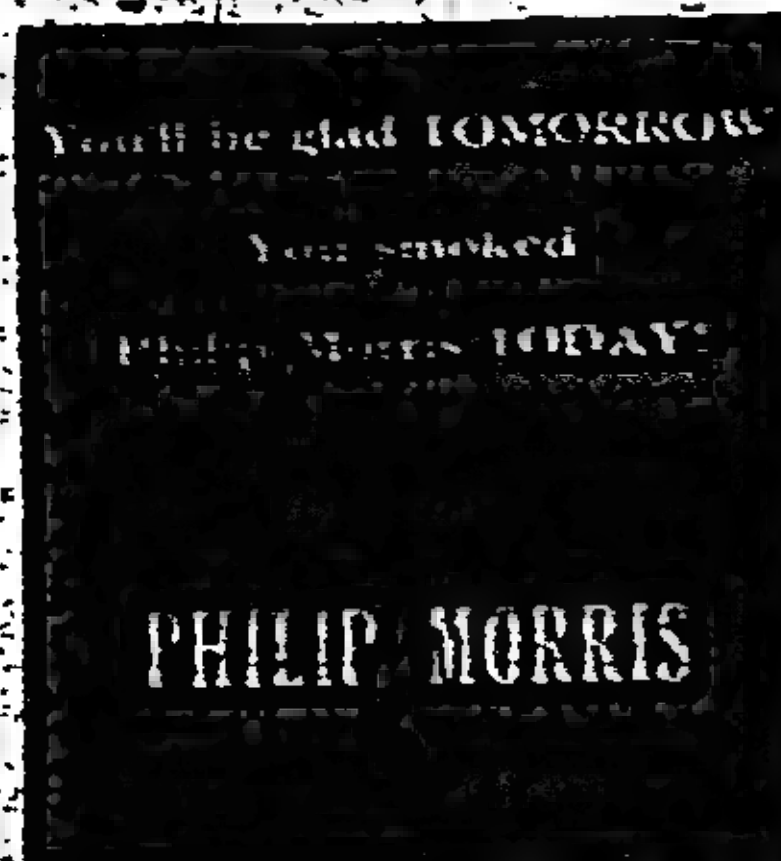
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Variety Fare

XMAS FARE

AS these notes will appear in print a little before Christmas those who read must not judge them premature. I usually cover the programmes from Sunday to Saturday, and as next Saturday will be Xmas Day, an early consideration of the programmes on that day may be worth while.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

AT Christmas time, it is a traditional incunage to review the events of the Old Year and to anticipate those of the New. So far as the New Year is concerned, I feel I can safely voice the hopes of many when I say a wish for Peace is uppermost in all our minds. Peace for our children, our own and for the World's sake must be the most eagerly sought prize of any right-thinking man and woman. Those of us who are sufficiently old to appreciate the devastations of war, the futile economic waste, and the damping of all faith in any sort of future will earnestly hope that 1949 will see a return to some sort of security.

In retrospect, 1948 has seen the birth of a New Royal Prince; the Belcher affair, still continuing; sentences on Japanese War Criminals; the tactics of the Russians in Berlin; and the tense worsening of the position in China. This, I cannot help feeling, is but poor measure of the high hopes we had for a brave New World at the beginning of 1948. Maybe 1949 will see some of those hopes fulfilled, if sanity returns again.

FILM REVIEW

OUTSTANDING amongst the year's film's shown in the Colony, I feel no one will quibble at a list which includes:

- "The Bishop's Wife"
- "Best Years of our Lives"
- "Boomerang"
- "Gentleman's Agreement"
- "Upturned Glass"
- "Shop at Sly Corner"
- "Keeper of the Flame"
- "Night in Casablanca"
- "Hamlet"
- "Life with Father"
- "Cluny Brown"
- "Walter Mitty"

I do not pretend this list is exhaustive nor is it intended to be in order of merit. I would not take it on myself to assume the mantle of film critic, but of the above, I recall the delightful performance of Cary Grant as the Angel in "Bishop's Wife," of the outstanding merit of "Boomerang"—the more unexpected because of its inadequate title, and the sincere performances of all the cast in "Gentleman's Agreement."

What 1949 has to bring us remains in the hands of Hollywood and Arthur Rank. There is I know, to come, Rosalind Russell in "Morning becomes Electra," a morbid study in typical Eugene O'Neill manner. Alfred Hitchcock's production of "Rope" may also possibly be anticipated. Prior reports of this indicate a new filming technique which is alleged to produce a continuity of movement approaching in manner the characteristics of the legitimate theatre. The Orson Welles version of "Macbeth" may also reach here, although American verdicts do not seem to be too favourable.

The usual spate of musicals can presumably be regarded as a foregone conclusion. If a further Danny Kaye or Marx Brothers film is scheduled, you will find me, right at the top of the queue, ready to do business with the "fokis," if need be!

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Orphanage Mass.
2. Nicaragua.
3. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman.
4. Mr. Sanroku Izumiya.
5. Cocos Island, between India and Australia.
6. General Robert L. Eichelberger.
7. Freddie Mills.

OF MUSIC

AND what of Music? Radio Hong Kong has given us many delightful programmes, prominent among them the Sunday Evening Symphony Concerts and Thursday's series of orchestral concerts. It is a lasting pity that more live talent is not to be found in the Colony, for there is an atmosphere about a "live" programme that is inescapably missing from a recorded feature.

Amongst "live" features we have heard Joy Hall (cello), Clara Stansfeld (piano), Chamber Huang (harmonica), Caroline Braga (piano), Gus d'Aquino (tenor) and reviews and features by Alleen Woods, Linda Cater, Susan Howard and Phillip Burns. To such of these as have left the Colony, we hope for a speedy return and early resumption of their radio activities. To those still here, every good wish for the continued success of their programmes.

XMAS MUSIC

IT is without question no Christmas at all which does not include some of the traditional carols and, of course, "The Messiah," on Christmas Day itself, so that this familiar cornerstone of the festive season will not be missing.

There seems to be real reason why "The Messiah" should have become especially associated with the Christmas period. The word "Messiah" I believe is of Hebrew derivation and means (here I am open to correction) "the child born King." It is probably due to



LINDA CATER

this that the idea of "The Messiah" has come to go hand in hand with Christmas time.

Mozart once wrote of Handel "His pen—when he so wills—can strike like a thunderbolt." And with the "Messiah" in mind, can it be denied that Mozart indeed wrote words that exactly describe such a sublime conception?

ELSEWHERE it has been said of the "Messiah" that "it has come to be regarded as an edifying Christmas digestive." "The Messiah" is first and foremost a work of art, characterised by all the imagination and poetry incidental thereto. It is full of colour and studies in intentional contrasts "ranging round the central mystery of Redemption."

Now there can be few people less qualified than myself to embark on a theological discussion. But I question the phrase given above "ranging round the central mystery of Redemption." As a layman, I feel Handel would have disagreed with this description. True, he himself says of the "Messiah," "I saw the Heavens open as in a dream." But when one considers that Handel's secular oratorios outnumber those with a religious background by far, I personally do not believe that Handel wrote "The Messiah" from any deep-seated religious convictions.

HOWEVER, that is a problem on which opinion may be sharply divided, and it behoves me to tread warily before being too dogmatic. That apart, no one can surely deny the greatness and ma-

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jestic construction of the choruses which Handel has left in this, his greatest work.

If one stops to consider the vast output of Handel in his lifetime, small wonder that some of it may be classed as "mechanical," even conventional. It would be inconceivable that the fount of inspiration could run undiminished through 74 years of life, never to falter or betray its written hand.

Also, it is common knowledge that in Handel's particular age—when he moved and had his being—it was tradition that one might borrow another composer's idea and use it. This Handel did, and, let it be said, to the eternal aggrandisement of the music so borrowed.

There are those who view the works of the Handel askance, describing them as stodgy. To these, I would say let them but hear the "Hallelujah" Chorus. More exciting music than this would be difficult to name. Indeed, so exciting was it that King George III rose to his feet after first hearing it, so great was the enthusiasm it provoked in him. Thus started the tradition, which has still persisted after nearly 200 years.

RADIO TIME

ESPECIAL congratulations are due to David Keen-harvey and staff at Radio Hong Kong for the initiative taken over the holiday programmes. As listeners will see, they have early-morning programmes, commencing at 8 o'clock on Xmas Day, and continuing throughout the day until 10.40 p.m. This innovation applies to the remainder of the holiday period as well, details of which I hope to include in next week's issue. Perhaps this is a portent that 1949 will see early-morning radio regularly available in the Colony.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

HERE are a few of the outstanding features of the week's music prior to Xmas Day:—

TODAY

AS is generally the case, the two-part Symphony Concert at 9.05 (Part I) and 10.16 p.m. (Part II) is the chief feature of the evening radio. This Symphony Concert is to all intents and purposes exactly similar to the old series, we hear entitled "Promenade Concerts." Tonight's Concert consists of:—

Symphony No 4 in D — Schumann
Violin Concerto in E Minor—Mendelssohn

"Ein Heldenleben" — Strauss

Schumann was 17 years old when Beethoven died in 1827. It is not surprising then if Schumann's four symphonies pale a little beside the epic constructions of his illustrious predecessor. Classical music, it seems, came to temporary halt, awaiting the advent of Brahms. It was not the age of romantic music, to which school Schumann undoubtedly belonged. This essential difference must be borne in mind, then, when his music and that of Beethoven's is being contrasted.

IT is generally agreed by the authorities that Schumann's symphonies have partly failed "to survive the adverse judgment of posterity." Nevertheless, his symphonies are pleasant to hear and the No. 4 to be heard tonight will bear this remark out.

The Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, in which Josef Szgall is soloist, is to my way of thinking the "plea de resistance" of the evening. This music never fails to prove more lovely at each hearing, and with Szgall as soloist, listeners may be assured that they are hearing a magnificent artist playing such music as "dreams are made on."

To complete this Concert, Richard Strauss's tone-poem "Ein Heldenleben" is being given. Still active even today in the world of music, Strauss is to be remembered for the typical characteristic whereby he takes an instrument to represent a character. This trait is noticeable in "Don Juan," "Till Eulenspiegel" and in the work to be heard tonight.

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Health Page

"FLU" THAT'S NO FLU BY H.C. McKAY

If you had the so-called "gastric flu" lately, you've learnt what a well-trained Salmonella can do with the human digestive tract.

You've also discovered the meaning of "dehydration" and learned—the hard way—that the human body is threequarters water, that to lose a few quarts of this means serious sickness. Many Australian infants in a recent epidemic learnt the cruel sequel. Lose 20 per cent of body water and you die.

Gastro-enteritis so closely resembles food-poisoning formerly called "ptomaine poisoning," that from the first a Salmonella germ was suspected. In a recent outbreak the disease at first resembled ordinary bacillary dysentery. It was treated successfully by hydration (supply of adequate fluid) and rigid diet. Then a new type of infection supervened.

There was intense fever, big loss of water (by vomiting and dysentery), no response to diet, the infants died in a few days. Doctors fought the infection by transfusions of saline fluid or blood, but in spite of this the death-rate rose to 40 per cent. Finally the infants were put on a diet of whey, and par-enamine (a hydrolysed protein) was injected into their veins. This reduced the death-rate to two per cent.

Meanwhile Salmonella organisms had been identified as the cause of these later outbreaks, a special type, Salmonella Group C, being responsible for the deaths.

This led bacteriologists to study the occurrences of these wogs, and there were some rather astonishing discoveries. Nancy Atkinson, Australian research worker, discovered a new type, S. (for Salmonella) Adelaide, in that city; "among those present" in Australia also were S. Blegdam (from New Guinea), S. Mississippi (U.S.A.), and S. Oslo (Norway). A Salmonella which caused a food-poisoning outbreak in a Northern Territory camp has been christened S. Atherton.

These names do not signify the local origin of the germs, but merely that they were first identified there. S. Blegdam (one of the most virulent) is found not only in New Guinea, but in the Philippines.

The distinguishing feature of the gastro-enteritis set up by Salmonella germs is its suddenness and severity, the short course (in adults, at least)—two to five days—and the "hangover" that follows (intense weakness, the "shakes," persistent headache, nausea; often a relapse). Children and old people are biggest sufferers. Neither can stand prolonged loss of water.

The name "gastric flu," is a misnomer. Owing to the prevalence of coughs and colds, Salmonella infection, coinciding with a cold, is labelled gastric flu. It's usually spread by food handled by a convalescent (a "carrier"). There may be other modes of infection. Since penicillin and the sulpha drugs are ineffective against Salmonella, streptomycin has been tried, with variable results.

Giving a germ a name doesn't kill it, and if it kills you you don't bother what it was, but there's one safeguard, avoid food handled by possible "gastric flu" carriers. Cooking kills the germ, but food in restaurants and sandwich shops is handled after it is cooked, so the advice isn't easy to follow. While carriers are about there will be "gastric flu," till the infection dies out for lack of new victims.

Pain Helps The Physician

To reach a diagnosis and to judge the effects of treatment, the physician must know how much pain his patient felt, and how often.

Nobody but the patient himself could tell this, and what would be a trifling discomfort to one was acute agony to another; normally the doctor relied as much upon his own judgment as on the patient's halting description of his pain.

But supposing the sufferer was taught how to assess and record pain? Working on this theory, Dr. Kenneth David Keele, of Ashford (Middlesex) County Hospital, realised that verbal descriptions would be virtually useless. So he devised a time-intensity graph of pain which the patient could himself fill in. First results were published in the Lancet last week.

Dr. Keele noticed that four words were used most frequently—by his patients to describe their pains: slight,

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Still want to blow your top? It's only normal to get angry (in fact, it's a basic animal impulse)—but finding safe and sane outlets for anger can spare you unhappiness, even illness. Greer Williams tells what happens to you physically when angered... gives sound advice on the best ways to let off steam. (Condensed from *Better Homes and Gardens*)

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moderate, severe, agonising. The following definitions were established:

"Slight."—Awareness of pain without distress.

"Moderate."—Pain which distracted attention from a routine occupation, such as reading or housework.

"Severe."—Pain filling the field of consciousness to the exclusion of other events; visceral reflex accompaniments often occurred.

"Agonising."—Motor effects, as evidenced by restlessness, might occur, or the syndrome of shock ensue.

The definitions were explained to the patients, who were given charts marked for time (in hours) and pain intensity (from nil to agony). Changes in pain intensity due to routine movements, such as washing, bed-making, or evacuation, were scrupulously recorded.

To test the validity of his technique, Dr. Keele recorded pain spasms of post-operative patients, and the relationship of stomach pains to food and alleviating alkalis in gastric ulcer cases.

His observations showed that pain charts could be used to determine the pain-intensity curves of such conditions as rheumatoid arthritis, tetany, and carcinomatosis.

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THE AUSTRALIAN BEST SELLER THESE ARE MY PEOPLE

By ALAN MARSHALL

Olive set out on these excursions inspired by the role of my "spare legs" as she called it. I doubt whether she had ever climbed a tree before she met me, but since I was tied to the ground and was thus unable to carry my interest in birds to a satisfactory conclusion, she carried on for me, acting as a projection of my eyes and a substitute for my legs in the world of leaves and branches above the grass.

"When we discovered a strange nest, the owner of which was absent," she asked, "Do you want to know what's in this one?" and I answered, "Yes."

Her play-acting preliminary before climbing the tree took the form of an aggressive stance with raised fists like a boxer about to smite the trunk.

"Let me at it," she muttered, then proceeded to climb with the confidence and assurance of a professional steeplejack.

This attitude was completely dropped after the first limb and her progress thereafter was unceasing, and timid and subject to my instructions from the ground, which took the form of warnings and exclamations of apprehension.

"Look out for that limb. Test it first."

"Don't put too much weight on that branch."

Every now and then she paused and looked down. At each downward glance she said, "Oo-oo!"

Sometimes she called, "How high am I now?"

"Four hundred feet," I answered once.

She poked a face and went. She always went on.

When she reached the nest she described it and told me what it contained.

"It's made of sticks, Alan. There are four eggs."

"Hold one up."

She held aloft for me to see.

"A magpie's," I said. "Come down quickly before they see you."

On one occasion a magpie did attack her, much to her astonishment.

On this evening she climbed a black-box tree and announced that the nest was made of mud.

"Sounds like a chough's," I said.

She reached out her hand to feel for eggs, then uttered a startled, "Ouch!"

"Something bit me!" she cried.

"Try and look inside," I said.

She drew herself along the limb and peeped into the nest, then made an exclamation of delight.

"Four little babies," she cried.

She clung there, describing them to me—their naked bodies, their gaping mouths. She thought they were beautiful.

At a nest, the owner of which I could not place, although Olive held an egg for me to see, I asked her to bring the egg down—there were five in the nest.

"How shall I carry it?" she asked.

"In your mouth."

"I couldn't. It's warm."

"All the better," I told her.

She looked at it in distaste.

"When I was a kid I always carried them in my mouth."

This confession didn't reassure her.

"There might be a young one in it," she said. "I'll carry it in my pocket."

She descended awkwardly, but with the egg still unbroken.

"You be careful now," she said, when she handed it to me.

"It's safe with me," I said, dropping it into my pocket on top of some nuts and bolts I had forgotten I was carrying.

"Ah!" I exclaimed immediately after, then sat down to clean out the mess.

During our walk I had been intrigued by the warning cries of two plovers which had risen from the timber and circled round us before

alighting in a paddock from where they watched us apprehensively. Occasionally they gave voice to their cry of warning, and I suspected that they had young ones hidden somewhere in the grass.

We walked away from them, dodging so as to keep trees between us. We hid behind a large gum and prepared to stand motionless until they returned to their young ones.

For half an hour we did not move. I was becoming stiff with cold and Olive looked as if she were feeling the strain. The birds circled above us for some time, but at last, apparently satisfied, they alighted in some grass where they stood as if frozen, watching us intently.

Having waited so long we were determined to beat them in patience. The female suddenly relaxed and uttered a motherly little cry of relief. At the sound, three baby plovers rose from the grass and ran toward her.

It was cruel to startle her again, but I wanted to see those young ones. We hurried toward them. The parent birds lifted straight into the air, calling wildly. The babies sank back into the grass. We walked to spot where they had been standing, but there was only the grass at our feet. It seemed impossible. I stood in the one spot and searched the ground around me. At last, almost at my feet, I saw them. They were lying flat, their necks extended before them. Their unblinking eyes were open. They were so still, one could imagine them dead.

Olive lifted one in her hands. It remained motionless, even when she turned it over to look at its feet. She replaced it gently beside its brothers and we crept away.

Behind us we heard the excited calling of the parent birds circling over the spot we had left.

Olive stood knee-deep in a shallow bend of the river washing clothes. She raised herself, a saturated shirt hanging, disregarded, from her hands. She stood very still, looking across the water, so I knew she must be watching a musk duck.

They were strange birds with a leathery piece of skin hanging from beneath their bill. They swam low in the water and looked more like an animal than a bird when seen, far out on the river.

What interested Olive was the male bird's habit of sending up jets of water on each side by rapid back-kicks of his feet. He often spun in circles with his tail spread. Maybe it was a mating display, but we liked to think he was playing.

We were camped on a river at the foot of the Grampians, after weeks of travel through the wheat country. Large red gums shaded the caravan. A clump of wattle trees stood in a shallow mist of shivery grass right at our door.

One of the delights of caravanning was that the view framed by the doorway changed at every camping place. One day our meals would be

eaten while gazing over a plain; the next day an old red gum tree would comfort us as we stepped out the door.

Inside the caravan nothing changed, but in a strange way the atmosphere of the little room reflected some quality of the place in which it stood. Though shut in from the night air of a wide plain, with the light burning comfortingly from above our heads, we were yet conscious of a spaciousness beyond our door. Should trees surround us like a wall we felt their presence even when we could not see them.

The bed, too, seemed to change its position, a fact that often made me remark. "Things seem all turned around. The bed should be up at this end."

With our petrol running low, we had pulled into this beautiful place, feeling, as we had so often felt before, that we had found a paradise. Two king parrots left the tree beneath which we stopped and, beyond the wattles, orchids bloomed in such profusion that we sat in the car and gazed at them in amazement.

Later, we walked through the bush, crushing with each step some lovely flower that it was impossible to avoid. In shady places the blue bells crowded together as if a piece of sky had fallen and lay scattered in the grass.

Grampian lilies pushed their way through clumps of emu bush and in the open spaces the orchids stood erect and still, lonely flowers even when they grew so thickly that their blooms were often hidden beneath sturdy grevilles and pink wax-flowers.

The blue "cockatoos" were the most common, but the spider and bearded orchids were scattered among them, taller and more isolated than their gentler brethren.

We took the side off a fruit case and made a wild-flower garden to carry with us. It rested on the floor-boards confronting the driving seat of the caravan and became our most precious possession. Later on our journey, when camped where no flowers grew, we looked at this little bed of plants and experienced again some of the delight of our first meeting with them.

Olive had finished her washing and came up from the river carrying a bucket of water and a bunch of wild violets she had picked from the river bank. It was evening and I had the camp-fire blazing furiously beneath the blackened billies.

A man on a bicycle turned off the rough track that passed us some distance behind the caravan and came riding across the grass toward the camp-fire. He was a tough, wiry, little man and wore dungaree trousers and a faded working shirt open at the throat. He kept smiling as he approached us as if we were old friends.

He alighted, and said, "I saw you camped here. I thought I'd come over."

"Good," I said. "Take a seat." and I pointed to a log beside the fire.

He sat down after greeting Olive: "How are ya, Missus?"

He began talking as if continuing a previous conversation. There was no concession to convention by an attempt to exchange views on the weather. He began from the stage strangers generally reach after an hour's acquaintance.

"There's no doubt wattle is the best burning wood," he said, poking the fire.

This in itself was a departure. To all bushmen a camp-fire is considered inviolate to any but the owners and his friends. The right to poke a man's camp-fire is only earned after close friendship. I looked on this action of his with the doubts of one who has been led into signing a blood pact with a man he doesn't know.

He kept on poking it. I knew now that all my life I would be friends with this man.

"What do you think of stomach ulcers?" he asked me.

I don't like them," I said. "What do you?"

"Well, I dunno," he said, stretching out his legs to the blaze. "A lot of men have got them round these parts."

"That's funny," I said. "Might be something wrong with the river water." I looked suspiciously at the bucket of water Olive had carried



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"No, it's not that. There's nothing wrong with the water. I reckon it's worry."

"Doctors say they're often caused by worry," I said. "Men get them more than women, don't they?"

"Yes, it's funny, isn't it?" he reflected, then asked, "How do you reckon you'd know if you had 'em or not?"

"Well, they start with indigestion," I said. "I believe you get pains in the stomach."

"Pains in the stomach are not always a sign of 'em."

"Of course not," I agreed.

"I've told chaps round here to eat the right things, but they reckon I'm mad. They look at me and say, 'Al right,' then they go away and don't do it."

"The trouble would be to know the right things."

"I'm a sleeper cutter. I live in a hut round there." He pointed down the river. "My wife gives me a good breakfast of porridge with plenty of milk, and then I have eggs."

"It sounds a good breakfast to me," I murmured.

"It sticks to you," he said. "I don't eat meat and I don't drink tea."

"A vegetarian," I said.

"Yes, that's it," he said eagerly, as if the sound of the word was still new and pleasing to him. "That's what I am. I believe in it."

He paused, then said doubtfully, "I never worry."

"You don't look to me as if you would worry."

"No, I don't. I have had pains in the stomach, though."

The statement had the quality of an appeal. He waited for me to reply.

"What's a pain in the stomach?" I exclaimed derisively. "We all get them. Were yours bad?"

"When I got them they were, but it's three years ago now."

"Good heavens!" I said.

He proceeded to tell me how some people were susceptible to stomach ulcers. He emphasised the danger of getting "down in the dumps" and explained why two men he knew had died of the complaint.

THE END

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations—
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Programme News

Duke opens Exhibition

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH opens 'Navigation Through the Ages,' an Exhibition at the Royal Geographical Society's Headquarters in London on December 17. Wynford Vaughan Thomas will be there with the BBC microphone to describe the scene for listeners, and recordings will be heard in the General Overseas Service on Monday at 9.45 p.m. Science Without Freedom

'SCIENCE WITHOUT FREEDOM' is the title of talk of very great interest that the BBC's overseas listeners will be hearing this week. It was recently broadcast in the BBC's Third Programme. The speaker, Eric Ashby, who is Professor of Botany at Manchester University, talks about the recent decree on biological research from the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Professor Ashby is an authority on the subject and has had personal experience of life in the USSR. He studied at the Imperial College of Science in the University of London, and then received a Fellowship to do research work in the University of Chicago and the Desert Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution. On his return to Britain, he lectured, first at the Imperial College of Science, and then in the University of Bristol, until in 1938 he was appointed Professor of Botany in the University of Sydney, New South Wales. While in Australia he served on several scientific committees for the Australian Government, and conducted an inquiry for the Prime Minister on the enlistment of scientific resources in war. For a year he was a Counsellor at the Australian Legation in Moscow, and then in 1947 he returned to Britain to take up the post of Harrison Professor of Botany and Director of Botanical Laboratories in the University of Manchester.

This talk can be heard in the General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. 'Berlin Air-lift'

FEW projects of recent times have captured the world's imagination so completely as the Berlin Air-Lift, the mighty improvisation which has saved great parts of Berlin from even greater suffering. The vast organisation behind the Air-Lift is described in a BBC programme, illustrated with recordings from Berlin of what the men who operate it have to say about its daily maintenance. T. J. Waldron, writer and producer of the programme, has written various other

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broadcasts about his visits to the British Zone of Germany and is well known to overseas listeners for his work on the BBC's 'Focus' and 'Progress Report' programmes (General Overseas: Wednesday, 9.15 p.m.)

Sunday, December 19

Eastern Service

P.M.

10.30 RADIO DRAMA John Gielgud in 'THE FAMILY REUNION'—Part 1 by T. S. Eliot.

General Overseas Service

A.P.

9.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus Ruth Packer (soprano) Rosina Raisbeck (mezzo-soprano) Walter Midgley (tenor) Douglas Craig (baritone) Conducted by Clifton Helliwell In excerpts from Verdi's 'Il Trovatore' (The Troubadour).

10.45 CHURCHES AT WORSHIP—'A London Non-Conformist Chapel,' by Howard Marshall.

P.M.

12.30 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—New London Orchestra Conducted and presented by Alec Sherman. Overture: 'Hansel and Gretel' Humperdinck

Tintagel Arnold Bax Symphony No. 4 (The Italian) Mendelssohn

1.45 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.—at Durban. An eye-witness account of the third day's play.

2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from Sherwell Congregational Church, Plymouth, conducted by the Rev. H. Bickley.

2.30 SYLVIA FISHER (Australian soprano).

4.15 'GENERALLY SPEAKING'—'In My Experience' John Kruse.

4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from Sherwell Congregational Church, Plymouth, conducted by the Rev. H. Bickley.

8.15 Tommy Handley in 'ITMA'.

8.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

9.15 MELODY TIME—Gerald and his Concert Orchestra.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 CONCERTO.—A series of weekly programmes Stanford's Clarinet Concerto played by Frederick Thurston, and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conducted by Gordon Thorne Programme also includes: Brahms's Variations on a theme of Haydn; Grieg's Suite Sigurd Jorsaljar.

Monday, December 20

General Overseas Service

P.M.

1.30 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Rifle Brigade Conductor: Mr. C. F. West.

2.10 THE DAILY SERVICE.

2.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

3.15 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins Party Jones (tenor).

3.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

4.15 James McKechnie in 'PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE' Written by L. J. Wills. Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Oxford.

5.00 CELEBRITY RECITAL Louis Kentner (piano).

6.15 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD—Philadelphia Orchestra (gramophone records)

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE FIRST CRICKET TEST MATCH.—A commentary by John Arlott on the fourth day's play at Durban.

9.45 NAVIGATION THROUGH THE AGES—Recordings made at the Naval Exhibition opened by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal Geographical Society's headquarters

in London Narrator: Wynford Vaughan Thomas.

10.15 Eric Barker in 'THE WATER-LOGGED SPA'.

10.45 ARTHUR BIRKBY and his Octet, with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).

Tuesday, December 21

General Overseas Service

A.M.

11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor, Sir Adrian Boult, Emelie Hooke (Australian, soprano), Walter Widdop (tenor), Tom Williams (bass-baritone). Excerpts from Wagner's 'The Valkyries.'

P.M.

12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—Vic Oliver, Ada Alsop, Peter Waring, Percy Edwards, June Birch, Robert Moreton, and Ronnie Holley.

1.45 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.—An eye-witness account of the fourth day's play.

2.15 IRISH RHYTHMS ORCHESTRA—Conductor: David Curry Gertrude McDonald (soprano) George Beggs (baritone).

5.00 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves Symphony No. 4 in A (The Italian) Mendelssohn

5.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME—Science Without Freedom?—Eric Ashby, Professor of Botany at Manchester University, talks about the recent decree on biological research from the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

8.15 TO TOWN WITH TERRY—with Campoli, Leon Cortez, Ruth Dunning, April, May, and June, and Terry Thomas BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins.

8.45 BRITISH FARMER—'The Manor Farm at Christmas,' by John Green

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.30 NEW RECORDS—Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

Wednesday, December 22

General Overseas Service

A.M.

11.45 STAR VARIETY—Tessie O'shea and Billy Thorburn.

P.M.

3.15 Willfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO!'—The Quiz visits Sandwich, Kent.

5.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Claudio Arrau—playing Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue in D minor, and Beethoven's Sonata in C (Waldstein) and Selections of Choral Hymns from The Rig Veda

—by Holst. BBC Chorus and BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor, Sir Adrian Boult.

7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

8.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS.—'The Tip Top Five' from Gerald's Orchestra Conductor, Rae Jenkins with Owen Brannigan.

8.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor, Rae Jenkins with Owen Brannigan.

9.15 BERLIN AIR-LIFT—A feature programme. Written and produced by T. J. Waldron.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.30 BOOKS TO READ.

11.45 RECENT FILM MUSIC.

Thursday, December 23

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.30 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte Symphony No. 8 in F. Beethoven

10.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN—A Christmas talk by Howard Marshall.

11.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT OR-

CHESTRA. — Conductor: Sidney Torch.

P.M.

2.45 FOOTBALL FIXTURES—for Christmas Day.

3.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Constant Lambert Lenau's Faust; Procession by Night; Dance in the Village Inn. Liszt

3.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN—A Christmas talk by Howard Marshall.

5.00 'THE WARDEN'—Dramatised from Anthony Trollope's novel by J. L. Oldfield Box.

7.30 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Arwel Hughes.

10.15 Handel's 'MESSIAH'—BBC Northern Orchestra Huddersfield Choral Society Isobel Baillie (soprano) Gladys Ripley (contralto) Eric Greene (tenor) Norman Walker (bass) Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

11.30 THE BRAINS TRUST.—Resident. Team: Colin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris. Question-Master, Gilbert Harding.

Friday, December 24

General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.15 Willfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO'—A Christmas Edition. The Quiz visits Old Age Pensioners at Morecambe and Heysham.

11.15 A Celebration by THE KENTUCKY MINSTRELS of their Hundredth Performance—A black-faced Minstrel show Guest artist: Edric Connor The Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra and Male Voice

Keep this page for use during the week.

Chorus, conducted by Leslie Woodgate. At the organ: Charles Smart. Book written and remembered by C. Denier Warren. Choral arrangements by Doris Arnold.

P.M.

1.00 'ITMA' Christmas Edition..

1.45 CAROLS—by The Templars, singing from the Ruins of Temple Church, London.

3.15 'MUCHO - BINDING - IN - THE - MARCH'—Christmas Edition.

5.30 NEW RECORDS—Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

6.15 BOOKS TO READ.

7.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA. — Conductor: Sidney Torch.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 ALHAMBRA OF THE AIR—Jimmy Edwards, Joy Nichols, and Dick Bentley; Revnell and West; Terry Thomas; Max Wall; Norman Wooland, Sarah Churchill, and Cyril Cusack; Victoria Sladen; and Peter Dawson. At the organ: Charles Smart. A Section of the Alexandra Choir. BBC Variety Orchestra. Conductor: Rae Jenkins. Master of Ceremonies: Franklin Englemann.

Saturday, December 25

A.M.

9.15 GRACIE FIELDS is having a CHRISTMAS PARTY—to which she has invited Mrs. Stansfield, her mother; Tommy Fields, her brother; Cynthia Rawson, Tommy's wife; Teddie Holmes and his piano; Robert Farnon and his Orchestra—and you.

10.01 FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS—by R. Vaughan Williams, sung by the combined choirs of Bancroft's School and the Loughton School for Girls.

10.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'—Christmas Edition.

11.15 MUSIC MEMORIES—Christmas Edition

P.M.

12.30 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'—Christmas Edition.

1.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult.

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Talking about Films

A Waste Of Grable!

By Fred Majdalany

I offer as a thought for this week the suggestion that Miss Betty Grable's legs are a better basis for international good will and understanding than all the works of UNESCO and the British Council.

In a world which daily becomes more petty, drab, dull, cheap, and mean, the legs of Miss Grable are a great comfort. They stand for something permanent and lovely and absolute.

In the circumstances it is a pity that comparatively little of them is seen in "Mother Wore Tights".

As is the way nowadays, more attention has been paid to the story than to the music and the dancing. This is partly explainable by the quality of the songs, which is not high. All the same, it is a trend of which I disapprove.

The story is not the thing we care about in musicals. We don't let's face it go to a Grable film to see Miss Grable in long skirts, acting the part of a troubled parent.

The position in this one is that a famous variety couple (Betty Grable and Dan Dailey) encounter class-consciousness when they send their daughter to a smart finishing school. The girl's play-mates don't like the idea of her mother's being an actress.

This struck me as being false right from the start. What school would not be delighted to welcome Miss Grable's daughter if only to have Miss Grable's company on speech day?

Especially as this is one of 20th Century-Fox's academies for the daughters of gentility. The kind of place where the Upper School appears to consist entirely of Andrews Sisters, and the girls' orchestra could put both the London Philharmonic and Gerardo out of business.

Nevertheless, the film is by no means unpleasing of its kind, and Miss Grable, frocked or unfrocked, is always nice to have about.

"April Showers" is also exercised with the difficulties of being a vaudeville artist and a parent at the same time.

The songs in this one are even less good than the Grable ones. And the trifling story has even more seriousness lavished on it.

The trouble here is that the variety act involved (Jack Carson and Ann Southern) are no good until their small son runs away from school and performs with them.

After a success on Broadway the police stop the boy appearing again because he is under age. The act flops as a result, and father's vanity is wounded and takes about another hundred minutes of film to heal.

Mr. Carson's selfish, ingratiating kind of clowning has its points, but not enough for this particular assignment.

"On An Island With You" is a sharp warning to film-makers as to what must eventually happen if you employ swimmers instead of actresses to star in films.

I have nothing at all against the personal appearance of Esther Williams, which is very agreeable indeed. I have even less against her swimming which is magnificent.

There is a limit, however, to the number of dramatic situations and

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human predicaments that may reasonably take place in or about water.

Love is a beautiful and splendid thing, but it must, now and again, leave the precincts of the diving board.

That I am not just a defeatist about this is confirmed by the obvious difficulty on fewer than four of Metro-Goldwyn's literary slaves have had in putting together this latest lunacy in which life can be swum instead of lived.

Even if they had written it on the bottom of Miss Williams's swimming pool with one of those pens that write under water they could hardly have produced greater evidence of strain.

"On An Island With You" is a sharp of Information film made for Britain's Foreign Office, is aimed at telling people both at home and overseas, something of the United Kingdom's achievements in the field of public health. It is the very human story of Dr. G.C.M. McGonigle, a former Medical Officer of Health for the English town of Stockton-on-Tees, and it illustrates the manifold duties which, in Britain, such officers are called upon to perform.

Dr. McGonigle was, unquestionably, an outstanding man. The strength of his idealism led him to take his work much deeper into the economic fabric of the community than professional duties would normally warrant. His interest extended far beyond local conditions. McGonigle sat on many national and international health committees. He worked with Sir John Boyd Orr and the British Medical Association when the first comprehensive survey of nutrition problems was published in 1935.

Although, for the purposes of research, McGonigle had to regard the people of Stockton as a single unit, the film shows that he also possessed the ability to take a personal interest in the individuals who made up that unit. He worked untiringly for the well-being of these people until his death in 1939. His work, however, did not die far from it and from his research in the Stockton area many facts have emerged which have had world influence.

"One Man's Story" is an Horizon Film Unit Production, which was written and produced by Max Munden. Except for McGonigle, all the characters are fictitious, and no portrayal represents an actual person either living or dead. The part of Dr. McGonigle is played by Murray Matheson, with Herbert Walton as his clerk. There are no other professional actors in the film, all the parts being played by the citizens and council members of Stockton-on-Tees. To get the authentic atmosphere, nearly all the filming was done in Stockton—in the streets, in the council chamber (with the present council members playing the part of their predecessors in McGonigle's time) and in the offices used by Dr. McGonigle.

Sydney. Box of the Gainsborough Studios, London, is to produce a "western" with a South African background. Called "Diamond City" it has been adapted for the screen by Roland Pertwee from an original story of Roger Bray, set in a diamond mining town near Kimberley in the 1870s. David Farrar will... David Farrar will play the boss of the township who tries to maintain law and order in this troubled community. Director is David Macdonald, whose excellent film of life in the wartime British Army, "The Way Ahead" will be remembered.

Anthony Kimmins' next picture for London Films will be a screen version of Sir James Barrie's famous play, "The Admirable Crichton." This story of a butler, who discovers unsuspected powers of leadership when cast with his employers upon a desert island, should make an excellent comedy film.

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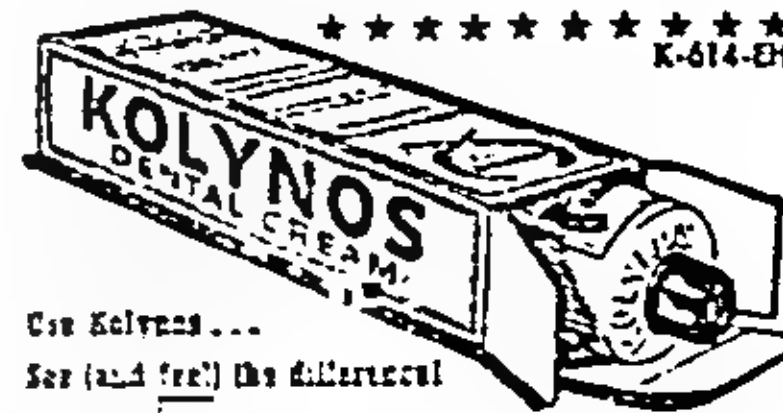
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General Knowledge Answers

1. For 40 days before prorogation and 50 days before the next meeting of Parliament.
2. Lady Astor, on November 15, 1919, at a by-election.
3. April, 1941, when 6,131 were killed and 6,000 seriously injured.
4. Viscount Alexander of Tunis.
5. The Pyramids of Egypt; The Hanging Gardens of Babylon; The Tomb of Mausolus; The Temple of Diana at Ephesus; The Colossus of Rhodes; The Statue of Jupiter Olympius; and The Pharos of Alexandria.
6. Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance.
7. Pride, Wrath, Envy, Lust, Gluttony, Avarice, Sloth.
8. The Palace of the Soviets, Moscow, which is 1,365 feet high, 29,141 feet.
9. 35,410 feet.
10. 35,410 feet. Off the coast of Mindanao.

THESE DEADLY SINS OF THE BBC

Wing-Commander Geoffrey Cooper, the M.P. who sparked the B.B.C. Bribe Inquiry of 1947, today launches the fiercest attack ever made on Broadcasting House in his book *Caesar's Mistress: The B.B.C. On Trial*, which will make B.B.C. "little tin gods" lose their tempers and, Cooper hopes, their jobs.

"I have no personal axe to grind," says the 41-year-old M.P., "but if nationalisation is to succeed we must purge State monopolies of inefficiency and graft. So let's start by examining the B.B.C."

Backed, he says, by overwhelming evidence, Wing-Commander Cooper charges the B.B.C. with these Deadly Sins:

ALOOFNESS: Director-General Sir William Haley is guilty of "that distant domination which silently implies, 'I am the head of this show and don't I know it?'"

FAVOURITISM: While many ex-Service artists have failed to get work from the Drama Department, "the Corporation (has) a certain number of 'pets' who (are) broadcasting continually" and "however brilliant Rita Vale may be as a broadcasting artist, four different shows in a week for the wife of the head of the Drama Section might appear to some people rather like partiality."

TYRANNY: Members of the B.B.C. staff allege that "dummy" notices of staff vacancies are circulated after they have been secretly filled and that recruits are taken on at the same time as ex-Service "temporary staff" are sacked as "redundant." At Eve-sham, the head of the Engineering Training Section "is bringing in men from the universities... with B.Sc. degrees" so that experienced B.B.C. engineers without degrees "find that they have to do the work for which the higher paid newcomers are unsuitable, who then sit around killing time."

FACE-SAVING: Since Sir Valentine Holmes' private inquiry into allegations of bribery in the Variety Department, the B.B.C. report of March 1947 announced that "two cases mentioned as inviting criticism are being examined." Since then nothing more has been heard.

SMUGNESS: Too little attention is paid by the B.B.C. to public demand, charges Cooper, and so the Listener Research Department "is a largely unjustified expenditure of money." Denny Dennis, for instance, was found by that department to be the most popular male singer—the British equivalent of Bing Crosby. Yet the B.B.C. gave him no "peak hour" series. So Denny Dennis—like Beryl Davis—had to go to America to make his name.

LAZINESS: Not bothering to hunt for home-grown talent, the B.B.C. "panders to" foreign music publishers. In gramophone record programmes only ten per cent. of the tunes are British. Of all light music numbers broadcast only 20 per cent. are British, though to judge by the sales of sheet music over the past 10 years more than 50 per cent. of the best sellers were home composed.

On the eve of publication of his controversial book Wing-Commander Cooper said: "During the war some of us risked our necks and shot people so that right should prevail. Now, in peace-time, we should be shirking our job if we sat back and ignored this—." And he tapped a brief case bulging with evidence against the B.B.C.

"And this book is not the end of my struggle," he continued. "I hereby challenge Sir William Haley to face me across one of his microphones in a debate on the efficiency of the B.B.C."

Geoffrey Cooper is not just hanging the B.B.C.'s dirty linen on the line. He is throwing it in its face. This morning a free copy of Cooper's book lies on the desk of the Director-General of the B.B.C. On the fly-leaf is written—"With the Compliments of the Author."

TOM POCOCK.

New Books BEAUTY AND THE BOFFIN

By Peter Quennell

No Highway, by Nevil Shute is a book about a Boffin; and a Boffin, as you may or may not know, is an expression current in the Royal Air Force denoting a technical expert, backroom genius or magician of the drawing-board on whose calculations (which are sometimes fallible) depend the lives and limbs of experimental flyers.

Boffins are not always popular people; and Mr. Honey, the particular expert whom Nevil Shute has made the pivot of his new story, is an unorthodox and unattractive figure, from his sallow, peevish and froglike face, blinking behind heavy glasses, to his seedy dishevelled clothes and the food-stains on his waistcoat.

Pyramid Prophet

In private life he is a religious eccentric, concerned to work out the date of the Second Coming from the geometry of the Pyramids; and, when he asserts that the tail-structure of a recently designed plane in the Transatlantic service is destined to fall to pieces after 1,440 hours flying, his superiors remember the Pyramids, pat him on the shoulder and dismiss his croakings airily.

Till one of them recalls that a plane of the type under discussion crashed not long ago in Canada, and learns, when he looks into the accident, that it had done approximately the number of hours that Mr. Honey forecasts.

Honey is sent to Canada to examine the wreckage; and, on the way across, in mid-Atlantic, a double discovery almost overwhelms him. The plane he is flying in is of the dangerous type.

Owing to an administrative blunder it has nearly reached the safety limit. Unless it turns back, the Boffin and all his companions are doomed to an Atlantic grave.

So Far So Good

So far the book is uncommonly good. Nevil Shute shares with Nigel Balchin a gift of extracting drama from discussions in a backroom; and the clash of personalities around the Reindeer tailplane provides better and livelier reading than the average novelist's account of some trivial makeshift love-affair.

But then Sentiment rears its ugly head; and Mr. Honey, who is sympathetic and comprehensible as a grubby, goggle-eyed research-worker, reveals a grasp of feminine psychology that Casanova might have envied.

There is a beautiful film-actress in the plane: there is simultaneously in attendance a young and graceful stewardess; and on both hearts Mr. Honey's courage and Mr. Honey's simplicity leave a deep and lasting imprint; for he is the kind of man whom a woman feels that she can look up to and, with a glance at his nails and waistcoat, also feels she wants to look after.

Happy Ending

Both detect the existence of a great lover, an amatory wolf of the noblest breed, disguised in Boffin's clothing; and both, when he has extricated them from the perils of their Transatlantic journey, arrive, armed with cleaning materials and fragrant with good intentions, at his grim suburban homestead.

All ends happily, if a trifle conventionally. The stewardess gets her Boffin; the movie queen gathers her sables about her and, with a sigh of resignation, goes winging home to Hollywood.

In fact, "No Highway" is a good novel spoiled—at least to my taste—by the gratuitous addition of much sentimental flavouring. It is as if you were handed a glass of dry white wine and your host dropped into it a massive lump of sugar.

Quick Looks

Maria Marten. *The Murder in the Red Barn*. Compiled by J. Curtis edited by Jeanne and Norman MacKenzie. (Pilot Press, 8s. 6d.)

The narrative of a notorious nineteenth-century crime, from which was derived a once celebrated melodrama. Far better value for the money than most contemporary detective novels.

The Transitory Venus, by Tom Hopkinson. (Horizon, 9s. 6d.)

For those who take a serious interest in the art of the short story this is recommended reading. Tom Hopkinson is an extremely intelligent writer; and if some of his stories faintly "smell of the lamp," that, in these days of hasty slipshod production, is a fault upon the right side.

Henry James and Robert Louis Stevenson. *A record of a friendship*, edited by Janet Adam Smith. (Rupert Hart-Davis, 12s. 6d.)

A dignified monument to the fruitful association of two Victorian great men, both of whom were brilliant letter-writers.

Alpine Tragedy, by Charles Gos. (Allen and Unwin, 18s.)

An exciting account of some of the perils that lie in wait for mountaineers—those mysterious yet admirable beings for whom danger, difficulty, and acute discomfort are apparently their own reward.

Variety Fare

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TUESDAY

AT 8.28 p.m. tonight, there is a new feature entitled, "Concert Hall," with Isobel Baillie as soloist. So intriguing is the music offered, I quote in full:—

Overture "The Wasps" — Vaughan Williams

"Angels even bright and fair" and "Oh had I Jubal's lyre" — Solos by Isobel Baillie

"Panis Angelicus" — Cesar Franck
"My Heart ever faithful" — Bach
"Oxford Symphony" — Haydn

Of this music, my own choice will be the Bach and Handel solos by Isobel Baillie. "Oh had I Jubal's lyre" must certainly be ranked as one of the most friendly difficult arias any soprano is ever called to tackle.

WEDNESDAY

AT 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Rachmaninov succeeds always in presenting an original idea in interesting form. As an outstanding pianist himself, it is not surprising that the piano is given many notable passages, which stand out in sharp relief to the orchestral background.

FRIDAY

XMAS Eve programmes contain at least three features calculated to induce a readiness for Xmas Day and possibly some feeling of nostalgia.

At 8.10 p.m. there is a recital of carols by Lala Vincent, contralto. Miss Vincent, I understand, has but recently arrived here from Australia, where she is very well known. As an addition to the Colony's musical forces welcome indeed Miss Vincent!

At 8.30 p.m. there is a programme entitled "Michaelmas Moods," the title of which speaks for itself.

Following at 9.35 p.m. is "Glimpses of London."

XMAS DAY

FULL times of all the Xmas Day features are quoted here, and I feel quite sure the radio will play a large part in most homes on this day. There is a wide variety of music, news, dance music, carols, and every sort of feature to suit all tastes. H.M. The King is broadcasting at 11 p.m. following the radio link-up round the World.

At this stage, let me wish all my readers a very Happy Christmas, and through the medium of the radio, and by every other means, it is my sincere wish that this day may be for all of you a very happy one indeed.

XMAS DAY RADIO

A.M.
8.00 Famous Carols
8.20 Specially for Children
9.10 The Old Folks at Home
9.35 Christmas Fare
10.00 Music of the Masters
11.00 Relay from St. John's Cathedral
11.45 The Melacchino Orchestra
12.00 Chappie D'Amato and his orchestra

P.M.
12.30 Programme Summary
12.32 FROM THE SHOWS
1.15 The News
1.30 "Christ is Born today"
2.00 Unit Requests
3.00 "The Messiah"
4.00 Classical Favourites
5.00 Hospital Requests
6.00 Children's Hour
7.00 World News
7.10 Interlude
7.15 A story by Jack Shepherd
7.30 Nothing but Music
8.00 Much Binding in the Marsh
8.30 Saturday Round-up
8.40 "The Man Born to be King"
9.30 A Carol Symphony
10.00 Good Neighbours
11.00 H.M. The King
11.15 The News
11.30 Xmas Bells
11.40 Close Down

B.B.C. HIGHLIGHTS

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2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, conducted by the Rev. W. D. Kennedy-Bell. Music supplied by the St. Martin's Singers.

4.30 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE—from St. John the Baptist Church, Greenhill, Harrow, Middlesex, conducted by the Rev. Joost de Blank

7.10 CHRISTMAS AT SANDY'S—Come and join us for half an hour. Among those present will be Robert Eastern, Claude Cavallotti, Felton Rapley and Jack Martin at two pianos, and Fredric Bayco at the theatre organ. You will be welcomed by your host, Sandy Macpherson.

7.30 B.F.N. THEATRE ORCHESTRA—Introduced by Christopher Stone.

9.15 SOLDIERS OF THE KING—Massed Bands of the Brigade of Guards. Conducted by Major G. H. Willcocks. Dennis Noble (baritone)

10.00 GOOD NEIGHBOURS—The Christmas Day World Link-Up—With... contributions from Great Britain, the British Commonwealth, Europe, and the United States of America. In this programme the BBC calls the world from London exchanging greetings and messages with people in many countries who are working for peace; reconstruction, and international understanding. Produced by Laurence Gilliam and Leonard Cottrell. The music played by the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr. Narrator: Robert Donat.

11.00 H.M. THE KING.

11.15 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.30 ONE MINUTE CHRISTMAS HYMN.

11.31 CHRISTMAS BELLS.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1948.

TRUE STORY OF 1400 PEOPLE Goodbye To Britain

*Free Voyages To A Land Of New Hope:
And Why They Wanted To Go*

By G. WARD PRICE
On Board The Emigrant Ship. S.S. Asturias

This is the start of a true adventure story which will tell of the experiences of 1,400 Britons—men, women, and children—on their way to a new life in Australia.

They have taken the most important decision of their lives. For them it is good-bye to Britain and the old, familiar things. What lies ahead?

Well, the narrative begins comfortably enough. We are travelling by a 22,000-ton ship formerly belonging to the Royal Mail Line, and now owned by the Ministry of Transport.

Painted white, the Asturias looks like a huge yacht. She has spacious, well-scrubbed decks, lofty public rooms, passenger-lifts, deck-games, a cinema, smart stewards, and abundance of good food—just as when she was a first-class liner on the South America run. The only difference is that, to carry as many people as possible, men and women are segregated in roomy cabins, each containing six to eight iron bunks.

Yet no more than 18 of this ship's present passengers are paying their own fares. Half the rest are ex-Service men, generally with their families, who travel free, at the expense of the Government and taxpayers of Britain.

The other half have contributed £10 towards their transport, and in their case the British and Australian Governments divide the remaining cost between them.

All Nominated

All have been "nominated" for the benefits of this "emigration de luxe" by friends in Australia who have promised to help them find homes when they get there.

Some have secured definite jobs before starting. There is a party of young men under contract to work as technicians or labourers on a hydro-electric scheme, but a considerable section of these outgoing Britons will have to begin the search for employment on arrival.

One hesitates to call them "emigrants." That word is out of date. It recalls the 19th-century conditions of poverty and wretchedness recorded by Ford Madox Brown in his well-known painting under that title, which is now in the Tate Gallery, and depicts a man, huddled together with his young wife on an open deck, looking back with tearful eyes at the receding coast of England.

I have seen no tears on board the Asturias. Regrets at leaving home are at present suppressed by congenial surroundings.

The hankering for transfer to a Dominion has spread widely in Britain. "If only I could go too" is the last farewell to the settler starting overseas.

Are the hopes of those who go fulfilled? That is what I am travelling to Australia with these 1,400 Britons to find out. And to learn what their hopes actually are, I began by visiting some of them in their homes.

Good Examples

What sort of people are these who—most of them in their thirties or early forties—have wound up their affairs, got rid of their houses, sold their furniture, taken their children away from school, packed up, parted with their friends, and are now preparing to start life again in a new land?

Why have 25,000 of them gone to Australia this year, with 45,000 to follow in 1949? Why are there half a million Britons who, as estimated by the Dominion offices in London, would like to get out of the country?

These fellow-passengers of mine are by no means people who have failed at home. Their average earnings would be about £10 a week. Most of them have always paid their bills, brought up their children decently, and been respected by their neighbours.

With a few exceptions at either end of the scale, they are good examples of the less prosperous section of the hard-hit British middle class—types that make up most of a London bus queue or fill the High-street of a country town.

Were 'Fed Up'

Independence of character is the main motive that has sent them overseas. "What made you want to go?" I have asked them—and the answer is generally the same.

They were "fed up," sick of controls, tired of queuing, weary of shortages, rationing, and high prices, disheartened by the prospect that any future success they might achieve would be mortgaged to heavy taxation, and dubious about the future chances of their children in Great Britain.

The Pilgrim Fathers left England to seek religious liberty; the Empire settlers of today want economic freedom.

Here are typical cases:
1. Married couple, both 35; son, 13; daughter, 11. The husband, invalided out of the Army during the war, had been in the boot-repairing trade, so set up a market-stall in the same line.

Within five years he had become the owner of three such stalls and a small shop, in which his wife helped, besides doing the house work.

When this man was making only £3 a week he bought a house through a building society for £500, and has since sold it for £2,000.

Before we left I went to see him in his home, one of a row of small houses in a South London suburb, rent at 25s. a week. Some of its furniture bespoke prosperity—a television set (bought for £62, sold for £65 and a radiogram cabinet (price £114, sold for £95). Even the dining-room chairs and table, which had cost £7, fetched £35 the day before the family sailed.

Felt Restricted

An 8 h.p. car stood in the small front garden under a tarpaulin. It is accompanying the household to Tasmania, at a freight-charge of £65.

This man has disposed of his shop for £2,000 to a purchaser who is paying its former owner £10 a week as instalments on the price. The market-stalls, sold on similar terms, will bring him in another £150 a year for the next three years.

Here, in fact was a family well started on the way to prosperity. Yet the man who, aided by his wife, had achieved this success felt hampered and restricted.

The workmen he employed generally proved lazy, sometimes dishonest, and were jealous that he, as one of their own class, should have done better than they. "Why should we work

harder to make money for you?" they asked him. "I could have opened more shops," he says, "but I should have gained nothing by taking the additional risk."

Sudden Impulse

It was a 14-year-old letter from a half-forgotten relative in Tasmania that transformed the fortunes of the family and may prove to have laid the foundation of a chain of boot shops at the Antipodes. The wife found it when clearing out a drawer last May. On a sudden impulse she and her husband wrote to the sender to ask what conditions were like out there.

The reply was encouraging; the relative obtained a "nomination"; there followed a brief interview with an Australian "selection officer" in London, a medical examination—and here the whole family are, on their way to Hobart, ready for anything that may turn up.

2. A former submarine petty officer—one of that ten per cent. of the original "submariners" who came through the war—was living, with his wife and two boys, in a Kentish village, where they had a pleasant, semi-detached house and a wide circle of friends.

No country could wish for a better type of citizen than this smart sailor, with his handsome, courageous, and self-confident wife, who, single-handed, had brought up the elder boy, now 14, with bombs, V1s and V2s falling

all around her, while her husband faced the perils of the Helligoland Bight.

Better Future

It was the hope of securing a better future for the older son—the other is only three—that decided them to go. So as to get a passage, the husband was prepared to re-enlist for six years in the Australian Navy, but the ex-Service men's scheme opened the way for the family to accompany him free of charge, and, with the help of the Australian Submarine Association, he feels confident of finding work in Sydney Harbour.

3. Though both approaching 50, and with two daughters, of 14 and four years old, another couple whom I visited made the sudden resolution to transplant themselves to Australia, and within six months are on their way.

No Job Yet

They used to live in a neat, geometrically planned suburb of semi-detached houses and carefully tended gardens, on the farthest outskirts of London—one of those places where catching the 8.15 to the City is the almost universal habit of male residents.

Yet, though they have no job to go to, nor any technical knowledge beyond the husband's experience as a dealer in scrap metal, they have sold their house and furniture, and are prepared, with their small capital, to make a new start in Australia. The wife will begin by opening a tearshop.

"We want our girls to have a better time," she told me. "Life is so cramped here. At any rate, the climate will be better in Australia—with no electricity cuts or fuel shortages. House-keeping in this part of North London has become drudgery. My shopping used to take me from nine in the morning till one o'clock."

She herself belongs to a country-bred family of 18, and two of her brothers, long settled in Australia, have encouraged them to go out there.

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Lane Norcott

Have you seen this man?

Plain-clothes public relations officers are anxious to interview a man who has been calling on housewives in the Wanstead Swamps area, representing himself as a Compulsory Cooking Instructor employed by the Queer Food Facts Dept. of the Ministry of Food. A Mrs. Nogbutt, of Swamp View Villas, states that this man walked into her kitchen last Friday evening and ordered her to make what he called a Cold Mock-Turtle Compress with Boned Rissole Filling.

"Take plenty of left-over pieces of all sorts and mash them to a pulp in a grease-proof stewpot," he said authoritatively. "Now add four level soup-spoons of distilled cabbage water, a chopped fish tail, and a pinch of dried egg dust, and boil briskly until the electric current fails. Lightly mulch with grated cheese rind and serve cold to taste in basins."

The impudent fellow then dated up Mrs. Nogbutt's daughter Effie to take her to the Grand Christmas Food Facts Ball and went off with the mangle, which he promised to have converted into a powerful mincing machine and ball-bearing egg-whisk at State expense.

He hasn't been seen since, and the Ministry is nonplussed. Even Dainty Dr. Summerskill hasn't a clue.

A man's work is never done

A rudimentary knowledge of how to paint a room (writes Domesticated George, attempting to open the lid of the paint-pot with his wife's scissors and neatly snapping off the point) is essential nowadays to every householder.

Before dipping the brush in the paint first remove the hard skin at the top (advises Domesticated George, poking a hole in it with his finger and ruining a cuff).

Always wedge a door with your foot before painting it or some confounded woman will suddenly open it and ram the brush up your sleeve (warns Domesticated George, stepping back briskly to admire his handiwork and kicking over the turpentine on to the sheepskin rug).

Beware of the dammed little key-holes! (cries Domesticated George, angrily removing his coat and drying his enamelled elbow on his tie). Stuff them up with cotton-wool or the paint will trickle through the lock and run down the wrong side of the door! Don't lean backward while painting a ceiling or you'll never be able to comb your hair again! (shouts Domesticated George, sitting down wearily on the top of the stairs and rubbing his eyebrows hopelessly with sand-paper). Leave the 'accursed windows alone unless you wish to seal them up for ever! Never, never, never paint over stuck flies!

At this point (it can now be revealed) Domesticated George struck viciously at a blue-bottle that was about to settle on the wet mantelpiece and fell heaving off the steps, upsetting the paint-pot over his new shoes and reducing himself to a state of speechless fury.

The news in headlines

(classified for the puzzled foreigner)

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What are the privileges of members of the House of Commons regarding freedom from arrest?
2. Who was the first woman to gain a seat in the House of Commons?
3. What was the worst month for air raid casualties in Britain during the war?
4. Who is the present Governor-General of Canada?
5. What are today accepted as the Seven Wonders of the World?
6. What are the seven cardinal virtues?
7. And the seven mortal sins?
8. Which is the world's highest building? Unless you are American, don't say the Empire State Building.
9. What is the height of Mount Everest?
10. Do you know what is the greatest known Ocean depth? It is not very far from Hong Kong.

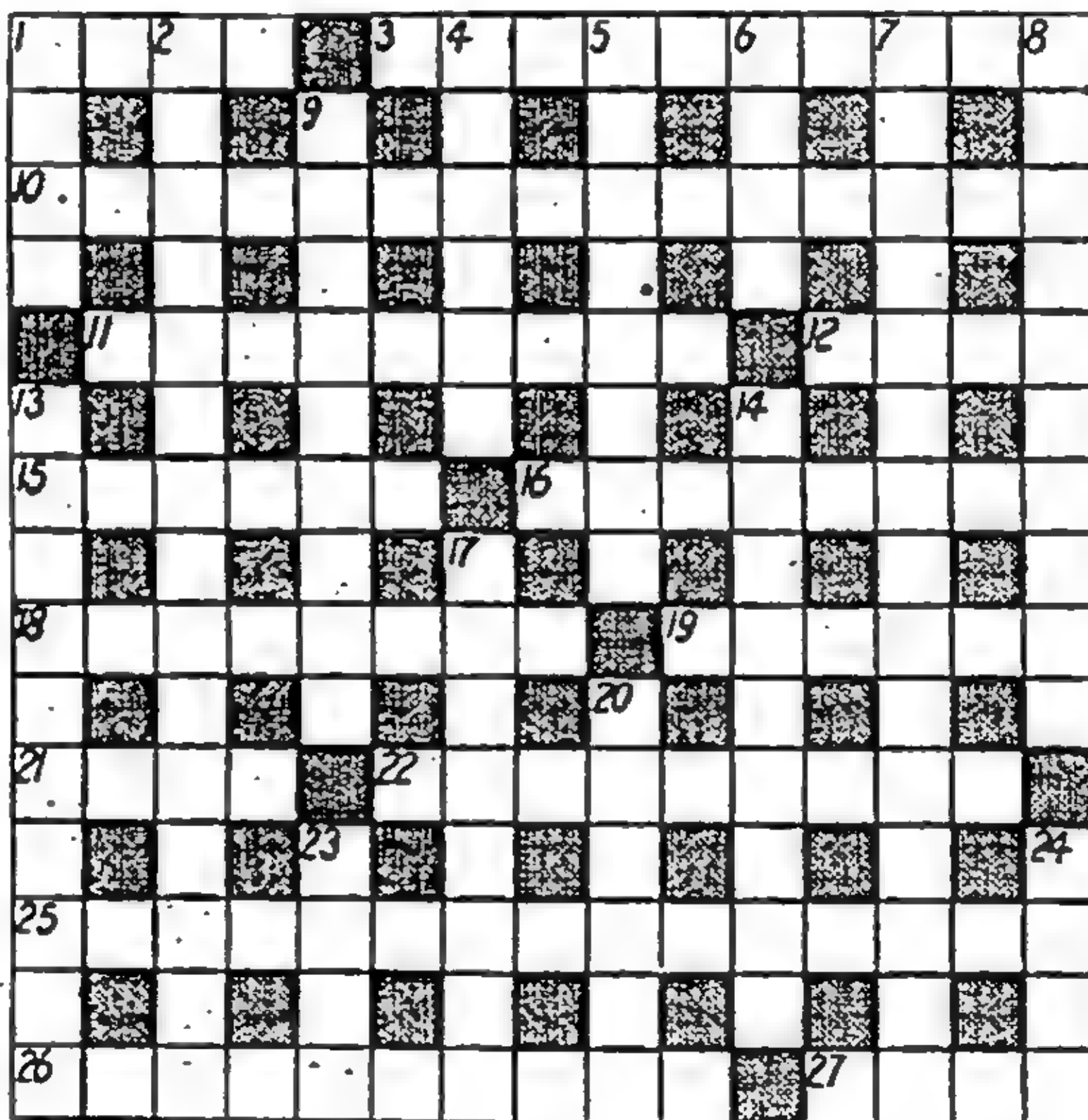
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NEWS QUIZ

1. A Vienna church organist discovered what is believed to be a lost work by Mozart. What was the title?
2. A hostile force raided Costa Rica. Where from?
3. The Administrator of the Economic Co-operation Administration hinted in Shanghai that American aid to China would be continued on the establishment of a coalition government. Who is the Administrator?
4. The Japanese Finance Minister resigned on being accused of molesting Japanese women MPs after a drinking party. His name is?
5. The best kept secret of the war, disclosed on Tuesday, related to what island?
6. A famed American general urged the creation of a Japanese army of 150,000 men. His name?
7. Bruce Woodcock agreed to fight who next summer?

(Answers on Page Four)

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ACROSS

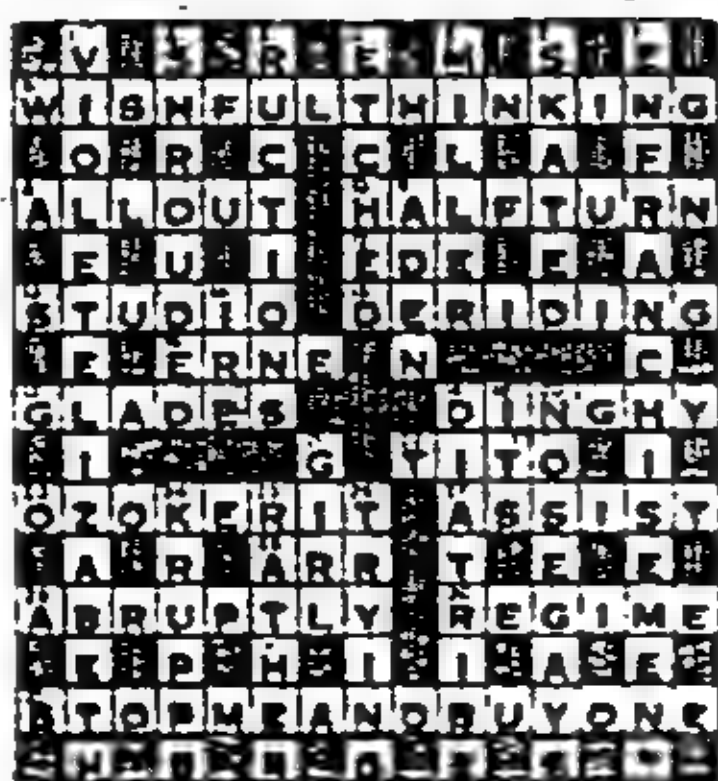
- 1 A recalcitrant habit. (4)
- 3 Blow-outs on a forbidden dairy product. (5, 5)
- 10 In these many persons acquire a new dignity. (8, 7)
- 11 Deserts are. (9)
- 12 It's in a daze. (4)
- 15 The bar, though upset, is not out of drink. (6)
- 16 They are experts in a fashion. (8)

- 18 "Art is long and time is" like a French noble in a large 21. (8)
- 19 A county disturbed with nothing afresh. (2, 4)
- 21 A place in 1 across. (4)
- 22 She's out to kill, no doubt. (9)
- 25 The 23 of joining together. (7, 8)
- 26 It seems comparatively like a skin disease. (10)
- 27 Wax on the bill, as found in 25. (4)

DOWN

- 1 Place of gambling. (4)
- 2 There's new sand now ready here (6, 3, 6)
- 4 The engineers have a friend in truth (6)
- 5 A quality that's indicated, by gum (8)
- 6 The colour to penetrate (4)
- 7 The basic weight? (10, 5)
- 8 End of a 22 when she's 17. (16)
- 9 Give a negro footwear? (9)
- 15 Look out: it's high time, no doubt (10)
- 14 Here the wood goes to waste. (9)
- 17 This might be the pugs' turn. (6, 2)
- 20 Written by Johnson; edited by Jerome. Unlike bees and ants (6)
- 23 The answer will at least sound correct. (4)
- 24 Erection which is the engineers' work? (6)

SOLUTION TO No. 86



BRIDGE

Much depends on the proper sequence of bids. Before making a bid it is essential to anticipate the response and the further bidding.

Some guiding principles are (a) that a bid in one suit followed by a bid by the same bidder in a higher-ranking suit evidently shows a stronger hand than a bid in a higher-ranking suit followed by one in a lower-ranking suit, and (b) that an overcall by the responding hand in a higher-ranking suit than the partner's shows stronger values than an overcall in a lower-ranking suit. For example, North One Diamond, East One Spade, South Two Hearts is stronger than South Two Clubs.

The proper sequence of bidding is that which anticipates the further bidding and keeps it as low as possible while collecting the maximum of information. If a bid, such as a reverse bid, ignores the risk of raising the level of bidding then it denotes strong values.

On the hand below, North, at some tables, made his proper opening bid of One Club and South bid One Heart and North One Spade. This last bid did not show reversing values because these are not shown by a bid at the level of one only. Over One Spade, South had only one choice of bid, One No-trump. He had no ruffing values and could not support Spades on two only, and his potential guard (i.e., nearly a guard) in Diamonds sufficed for a bid at the level of one. Then North closed the bidding with Three No-trumps.

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H A Q
D x x x
C A Q x x

S 10 8 x
H K 9 7 6
D K 10 9 x
C 10 x

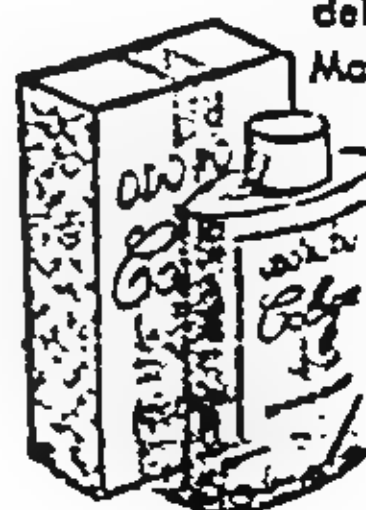
N S J 9 x x
H J 5
D A Q x
C 9 7 x x

S A x
H 10 8 4 3 2
D J 8 x
C K J 3

The declarer made his nine tricks. The simple bidding above was not used at other tables. There North began with One Spade and South bid Two Hearts. The further bidding then ended in a contract in Hearts, where only eight tricks were made. By starting at the higher level the proper sequence of bids was shut out.



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BRIBE INQUIRY

Stanley Described As "A Siren Among Men"

London, December 17.

Sidney Stanley, most talked of man in Britain, was today described to the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in public life, as "a siren among men" by Mr. M. Hughes, King's Counsel, representing Mr. George Gibson, a Government appointed Director of the Bank of England.

He gave this portrait of Stanley, who, he said, "fascinated hard-headed businessmen and politicians: an interesting character, loquacious, vivacious, tenacious, with a gift of imagination.

"Granted that one is not alliterate to foreigners, or imperfect English, or in Jews, I am sure the Tribunal can well understand the fascination, coupled with his hospitality and generosity, that he easily exercised upon his fellow men."

Mr. Hughes referred to Stanley's offer to Gibson of a £10,000 a year Chair in law in a new company Gibson believed it to be a genuine offer and to a man whose income at the time was £1,200 a year it could have been tempting and flattering, he said.

Influence

Compelled to admit that Gibson had merely chosen his words badly in referring to Stanley of the proposed director of the new company, "I hope I may be able to exercise a greater degree of influence in the future than I have in the past."

By "influence," Gibson only meant that he would continue to give advice.

Mr. Hughes said that Gibson had proudly walked the stage of public life until the Tribunal. Now, he had to walk naked across the platform and have innuendoes and insinuations thrown at him.

He asked the Tribunal to say that Gibson left the inquiry without any stain on his honour. Stanley's counsel, Mr. Lloyd Jones, complained that the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, had propelled Stanley into the centre of the stage and kept a time spotlight upon him.

Only Two Names

Against Stanley there had been a full orchestra of calumny and disparage. The inquiry, thanks to the Attorney-General, had, in fact, developed into a case against him.

Stanley admitted that he had used two names from time to time. But the Attorney-General had given him altogether seven names.

Counsel asked the Tribunal to relieve his client of the reproach that he was a person who deliberately used a number of artificial, or adopted, names to conceal his whereabouts and transactions.

Stanley had denied knowledge of a deportation order made out against him in 1933. Later evidence had established that the order was never served on him. But as a result of the order he had been taken to prison for 24 hours just before the inquiry opened.

"This," said Counsel, "was one of the most regrettable episodes in the whole inquiry."

Because of it, Stanley had become a subject of almost morbid speculation and came before the inquiry as "already almost an unreal figure." Yet he had been anxious to appear before the Tribunal and explain his friendship with the public figures involved.

aroused by hearsay evidence.

But, said Counsel, Belcher's bank account had been carefully examined and there was not one suspicious entry in it—or in Mrs. Belcher's saving account—which could support that any mysterious sums of money had found their way into the Belcher household.

Mr. Watson declared: "I am going to invite this Tribunal to say expressly that Harry Sherman was determined, if he got the paper allocation altered."

The Tribunal then adjourned till Monday.—Reuter.

Neville Chamberlain Figures In Spy Papers

Washington, December 17.

The Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, said today that he probably would ask the new Congress to extend the period in which persons could be tried for espionage. He said the proposed extension was one of several measures being considered by the Justice Department to tighten by-laws.

The present statute of limitations prevents the Government from prosecuting persons suspected of espionage if more than three years have elapsed since the spying occurred.

Mr. Clark said the Department also was considering legalising wire-tapping "under proper restrictions" and strengthening the alien registration laws and other statutes covering persons and groups advocating the violent overthrow of the Government.

The Attorney General made his statement as it was revealed that the former Soviet Foreign Minister, Maxim Litvinov, and the late British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, figured prominently in four spy papers which the State Department has refused to clear for publication.

Last Batch

At the time the documents were stolen from the State Department in 1938, Mr. Chamberlain was the chief exponent of appeasement of Hitler and Mr. Litvinov was playing a leading role in the "collective security" policy against the Axis.

The four papers were part of 200 which Whittaker Chambers turned over to the House Un-American Activities Committee. The Committee released the last batch today, making public all but those four. It was reported that both Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Litvinov figured prominently in the cables.

The Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, told a news conference the Department objected to publication of these papers on the grounds that they might endanger the persons concerned. The papers were said to contain confidential information from non-American sources who were still alive and who might be placed in jeopardy. Mr. Litvinov, considered the Soviet envoy most friendly to the United States, was ousted by Stalin in 1939.—United Press.

Former SCAP Employee Gaoled

Tokyo, December 18.

A former worker at General MacArthur's headquarters, who walked back into a trap, has been sentenced for black market operations to one year's hard labour plus a fine of 75,000 yen in Japanese currency.

Carlisle A. Bush of Davenport, Iowa, was convicted in an occupation Provoost Court on a charge of selling about 200 cartons of cigarettes, six cases of American whiskey, 24 pairs of nylon hosiery, six small boxes of streptomycin and 95 bottles of penicillin, all to a Japanese national for the sum of 400,000 yen.

At the current exchange, one dollar is worth about 300 yen. Twenty-eight-year-old Bush, who was formerly employed in SCAP's Statistics and Reports Section, left Japan by plane a year ago without authorisation while criminal investigation officials were investigating him.

He revisited Japan last September and walked into the arms of the CID when his plane landed at Haneda airbase. At the time, Bush was en route to South Asia.—United Press.

SPIRIT OF SWEDISH XMAS

Marianna Hylton, aged 18 years, who was recently selected to represent the Christmas spirit in Sweden, arrived in New York today by air from Stockholm. She will distribute gifts from the children of Sweden to the children of America.—Reuter.

Gland Discovery Restores Youth In 24 Hours

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Burning Fire Of Communism

Jalpur, December 17. The Deputy Prime Minister of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, called on the Labour Convention here today to be prepared "to fight the Communists who are misguiding workers in the country and propagating the cult of a foreign power."

The Communists, he said, were getting the upper hand in China and were behind revolts in Malaya and Burma.

"The fire that is burning in certain parts of Asia today," he added, "is bound to affect us if we are not watchful."

Sardar Patel also urged the convention to be ready to fight the Indian Socialists who, he said, wanted to use labour as an instrument to capture power.—Reuter.

BRITISH SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED, NOT KILLED BY RUSSIAN GUARDS

Berlin, December 17.

The Russians today released six British soldiers arrested on Wednesday after a border incident in which a seventh Briton was seriously wounded, the British Army Headquarters announced in Berlin tonight.

The wounded soldier, who was earlier reported to have died, is regarded to be out of danger. The wounded soldier was in hospital seriously hurt, an official spokesman at the British Army Headquarters stated earlier today.

A British source said the incident apparently started when one of a party of British troops inadvertently crossed the unmarked Russian zonal boundary during a rabbit hunt. He ran into the woods after a wounded rabbit, a shot was heard and Russian soldiers with tommy guns marched him away, one report said.

Very Close Range. A captain with three unnamed NCOs and five privates went to the zonal frontier to ask for the soldier's release. It was said. The Russian sentry fired into the air apparently to attract the attention of his officer and then a number of Soviet soldiers with tommy-guns advanced from a farmhouse shouting and firing their weapons. One burst "from very close range" struck a British private. An official statement issued tonight by the headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine confirmed the border incident. The statement said the men were detained.

The British authorities were in touch with the Russians to investigate the incident and secure the release of the detained men, it was added. Two German policemen who were arrested by the Russians at the same time as the British party escaped and got back across the border after hiding in a forest. The Deputy Chief of the Soviet Forces in Germany, General Laurant, accompanied by Colonel J.E.F. Meadmore, Deputy Chief of the British Commander-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces of Occupation, have left Berlin by road to investigate the incident. It was learned, here officially.—Reuter.

IN OPPOSITION TO ALL OTHERS

Brunswick, December 17. A German political party to "end all political parties," the Deutsche Union (German Union), will hold its first meetings here next January.

The new party, headed by former Lieutenant Colonel Patenau, wishes to be known as a movement like General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People and not as a party, as it opposes all German parties, it was understood.—Reuter.

Talks On Occupation Statute For Germany

London, December 17.

Representatives of the Governments of the United States, France and Britain will meet shortly in an attempt to resolve disagreements on the future Occupation Statute for Germany, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The three Western Military Governors, meeting in Frankfurt, failed to agree on some of the items of the draft Statute. Yesterday, they referred these items to their Governments.

The spokesman said disagreement arose in Frankfurt on two main issues: (1) Whether the Central West German Government or the Laender (States) should collect Occupation costs. (2) What authority should interpret the rights and obligations of the occupying powers and the future West German Government.

Standing Committee. The status of a future German Supreme Court depended on this latter issue. It was thought possible in London that the representatives of the three Governments might be the men who formed the Standing Committee on the Berlin crisis—Sir William Strang, of the Foreign Office, and the French and United States Ambassadors in London, M. René Massigli and Mr. Lewis Douglas.

Diplomatic quarters believed the Benelux countries would at least be informed of the progress the talks and might attend as observers or members. Though it seemed unlikely these talks would begin before Christmas, there was every indication that an attempt would be made to speed up a decision on the negotiation.—Reuter.



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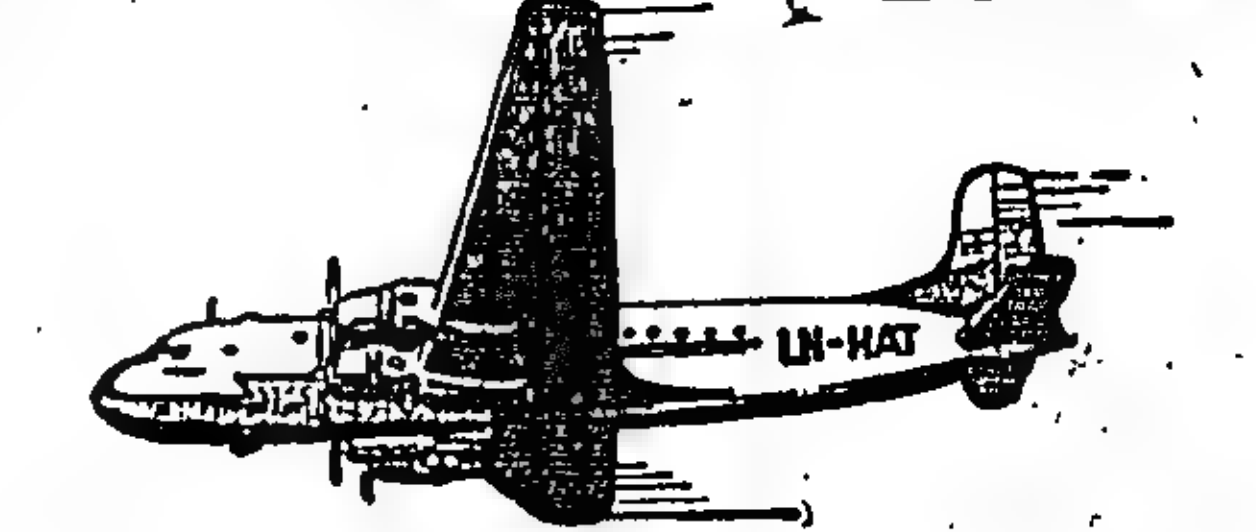
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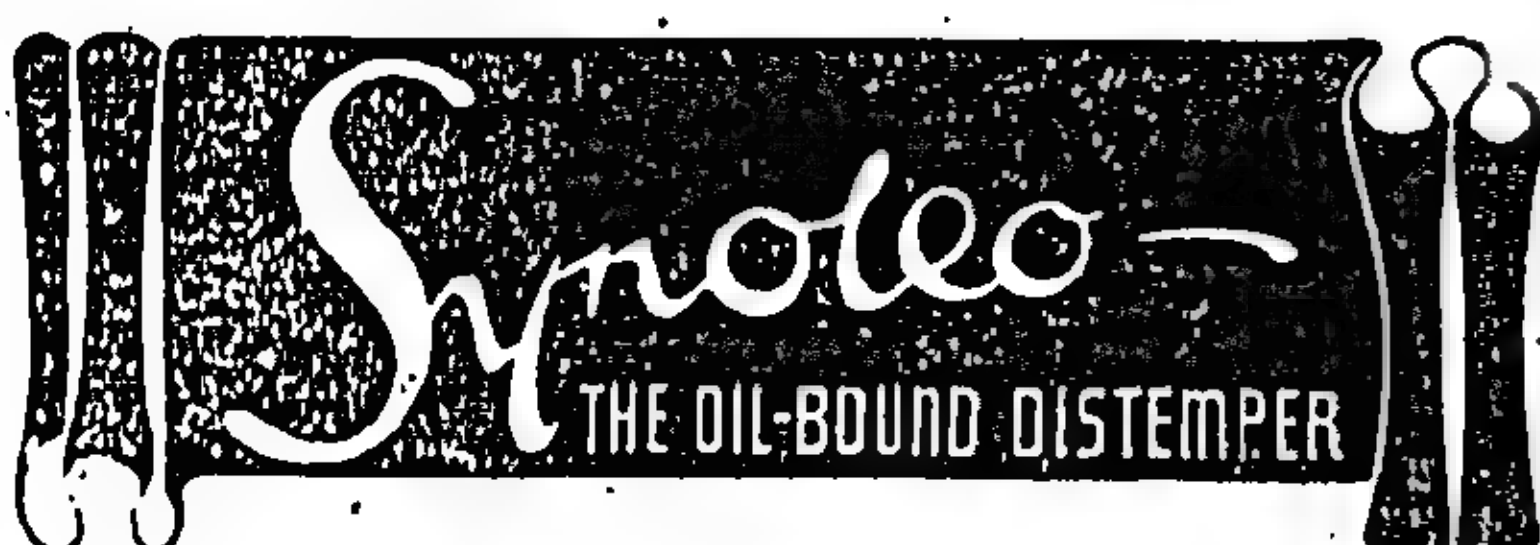
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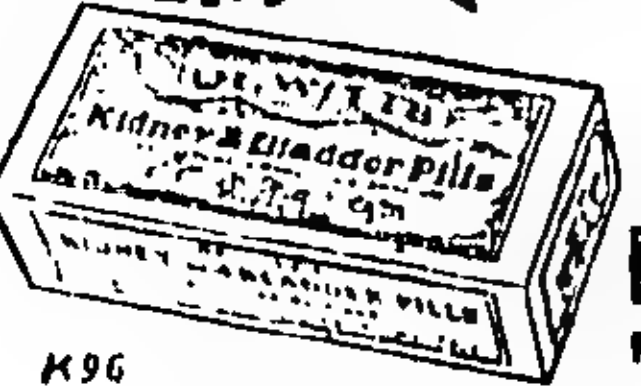
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NORTON**

You, wherever you live, could have a television service in less than two years instead of waiting five or ten years for the costly laying of cables and building of stations.

That is the possibility opened up by flying television relay stations which recently have been tested successfully in the United States.

There is every reason for believing that they would be even more successful if used in Britain, where the density of population provides a greater potential "viewing" public in the area covered by each station.

Not only does the airborne television station provide a service over an area 20 times greater than a ground station, but it does so at a fraction of the cost.

The greatest drawback to the expansion of Britain's television industry has been the fact that a television signal does not follow the contour of the earth's surface, but goes out along a line-of-vision, which means that its range is roughly that of the horizon. For this reason, with the normal transmitting methods, viewers can pick up the programme only if they live within 50 miles of the transmitting station.

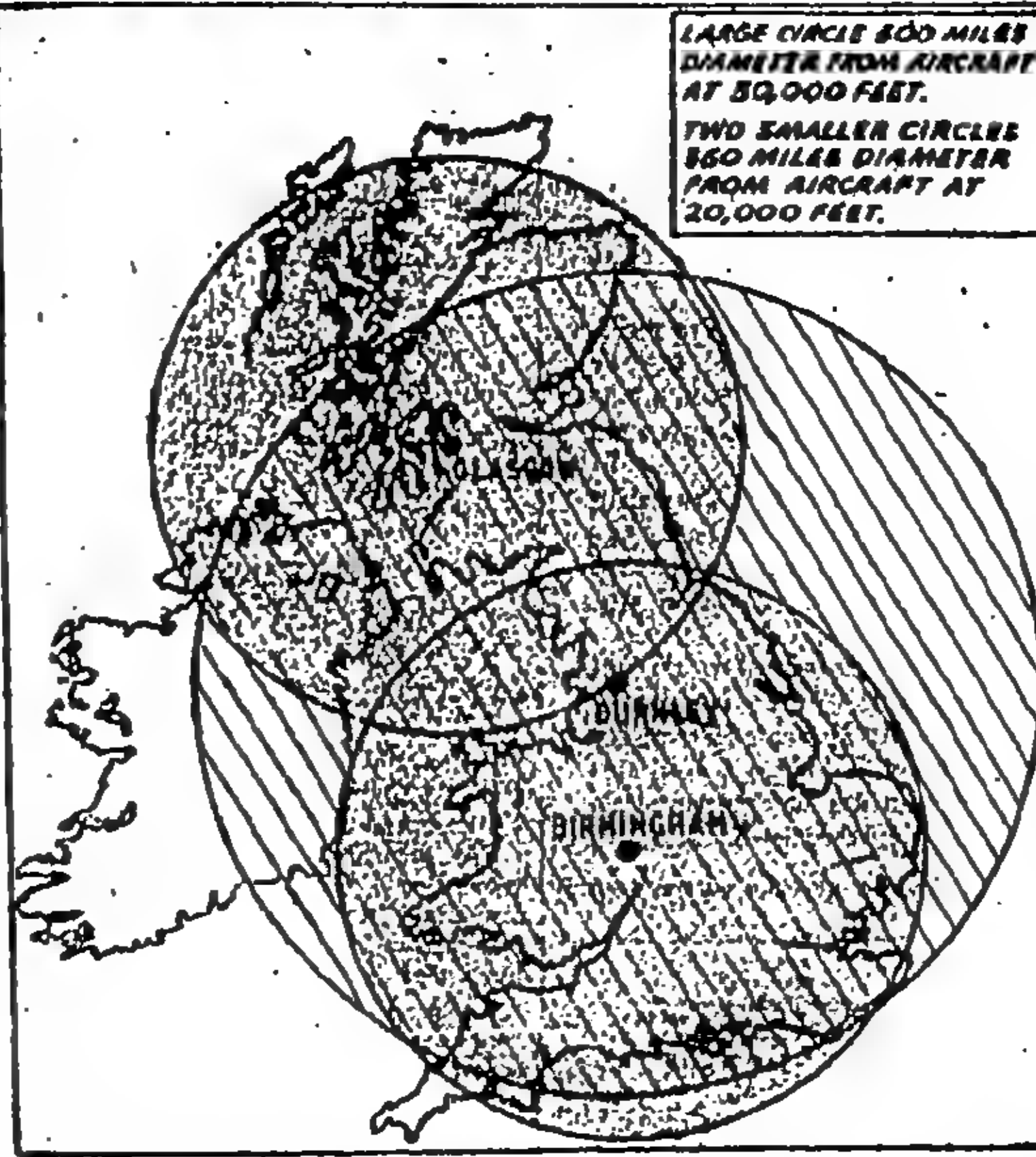
London Only

In Britain this has meant television for the London area and not for the rest of the country, because the high frequency television signal cannot be sent out on ordinary telephone lines and is broadcast.

So far there have been two ways of overcoming this: by laying special co-axial cables to a new transmitting point or by setting up a chain of relay stations.

Both these methods are expensive, and at the present rate of progress it will be many years before television can be made available throughout the whole country.

Using the technique developed in the United States, a single aircraft, acting as relay station and flying at a height of 30,000 feet, can send out a clear signal which can be received within a circle 500 miles in diameter.



Using an aeroplane flying at 30,000 ft. as a relay station, an area 500 miles in diameter could be serviced with television. Alternatively, two aircraft flying at 20,000 ft. above Glasgow and Birmingham would enable nearly the whole of Britain to receive television.

This means that a programme transmitted by a plane flying in the Preston-Burley-Liverpool area could be clearly received in points as far apart as Aberdeen, Belfast, Norwich and the Isle of Wight.

Two planes, flying at a height of 20,000 feet (more suitable for existing British aircraft) and working in conjunction with a master station on the ground, could cover roughly the same territory from airfields in the Glasgow and Birmingham areas.

How It Works

This is because the strength of the ground signal at any given point increases with the height of the transmitting aerial.

In other words, as the aircraft (the transmitting aerial) flies higher so is the horizon extended. At 20,000 feet the signal's range covers a circle 350 miles in diameter; at 30,000 feet 500 miles.

At the same time the power needed to deliver a satisfactory signal through the 500-mile wide district served by the flying television station is only 1/50th of that needed on the ground.

That is why an aeroplane, flying at 30,000 feet, could provide a television service for almost the whole of the British Isles—using no more power for the transmitter than that consumed by one bar of an electric fire.

When broadcasting a programme, the plane would circle continuously overhead at the chosen height. If there was no wind, it would fly in a circle about seven miles in diameter, most of the work being done by an automatic pilot. If wind speeds were high, the light pattern would change to an ellipse or a figure eight in order to maintain position over a given point on the ground.

The airborne station could be run by four men—two for the aircraft and two engineers for the transmitters.

No Interruption

The time each aircraft would spend "on station" would normally be about four hours, but there would be no interruption of service, each aircraft handing over when its relief arrived—in the same way as the technical staff in the ground stations.

Weather conditions would pre-

Jonah Barrington
Says
**BBC Ought
To "Have
A Go"**

"TECHNICALLY possible, but impractical as a means of relaying television throughout Great Britain." This is the reaction of many British television experts to the American experiments outlined above by Richard Norton.

I do not agree. No plan, however fantastic, which has any possibility of accelerating the present miserably slow spread of television should be ruled out until it has been tested.

Three Objections

1. WEATHER. Planes would be grounded indefinitely, say the experts, in the case of fog such as has been experienced recently. This would cause breakdowns in the programme service.

2. INTERFERENCE. The two-way ship from ground to plane and from plane to viewer would double the interference potentiality.

3. PLANE NOISE. Television transmitters are sensitive instruments, and a plane has yet to be built in which all noise and electrical interference could be successfully screened.

Weight these disadvantages, all presumably capable of scientific solution, against the prospects of Britain today. Sir Ernest Fisk, Britain's leading television protagonist at home and abroad, says that it will be at least five years before the major cities of Britain are wired for television, and 10 years before television reaches the remote parts of the country.

I would not suggest that the "flying transmitter" could, in the long run, prove as satisfactory as the co-axial cable and the repeater station methods of relaying.

But since Britain, through a combination of apathy and shortage of labour and materials, has been so appallingly slow in taking television to the provinces, and since America is already so far ahead in this respect, then it is obvious that some second-best method, such as the "flying transmitter," should at least be given a chance.

With television tentacles crawling no farther than halfway to Birmingham, Britain may soon be the loser in the international race for expansion.

Canada, so Sir Ernest Fisk tells me, has plans to build a great chain of stations to cover the country from Ottawa to Vancouver in the near future.

Australia will build six stations next year. It is quite possible that all the major American cities will be receiving television by one means or another, by the time our own service has reached Liverpool.

Let Britain clutch desperately at any straw—if it is possible to get back in the race.

firm in the United States—a firm that is not given to chasing shadows.

There is no reason why the project should not be put into operation in this country. A number of existing British aeroplanes are suitable for this type of work.

The Handley-Page Hermes IV airliner, the Avro Tudor I and Tudor IV (which were the subject of recent controversies) and the Bristol Freighter would need little modification for television duty, and it should not be beyond the capabilities of Britain's radio and television industry to develop the necessary equipment.

Plans for the operation of the first regular airborne television station are well under way in the United States.

Formal permission has already been requested from the U.S. Government to put an airborne television station into operation over Pittsburgh, to be operated in conjunction with radio station KDKA, and others are bound to follow.

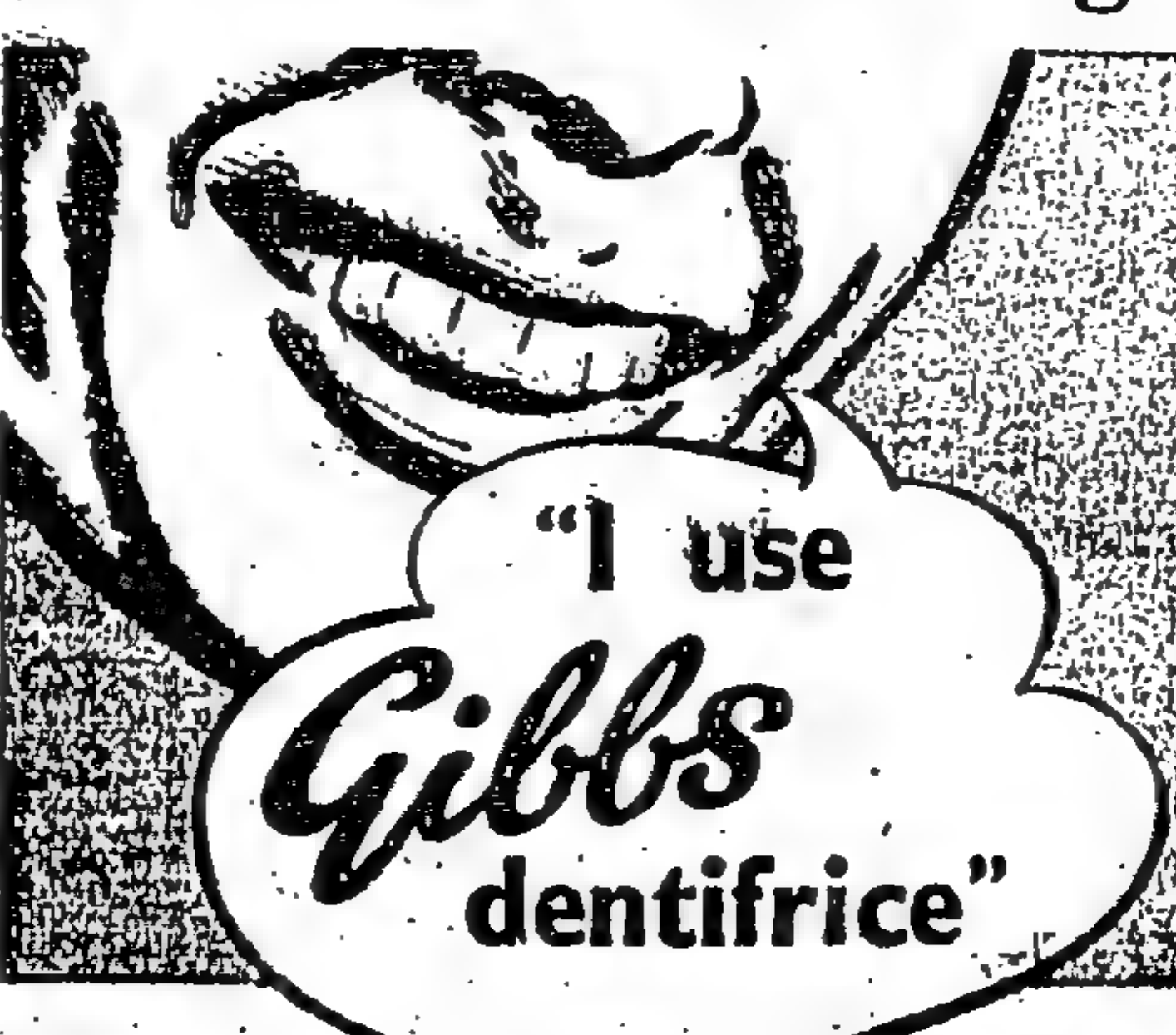
Eight planes, flying 400 miles apart, can give a coverage from New York to Los Angeles, and as television is rapidly becoming the No. 1 entertainment industry in the United States it is more than likely that these and others will be ordered in the near future.

With all Europe, the British Dominions and South America eager for television, Britain has the opportunity to export not only the receiving sets but the complete ground and aerial transmitting stations and the aircraft.

Television is a British invention, and most of the refinements it has been pioneered by British engineers.

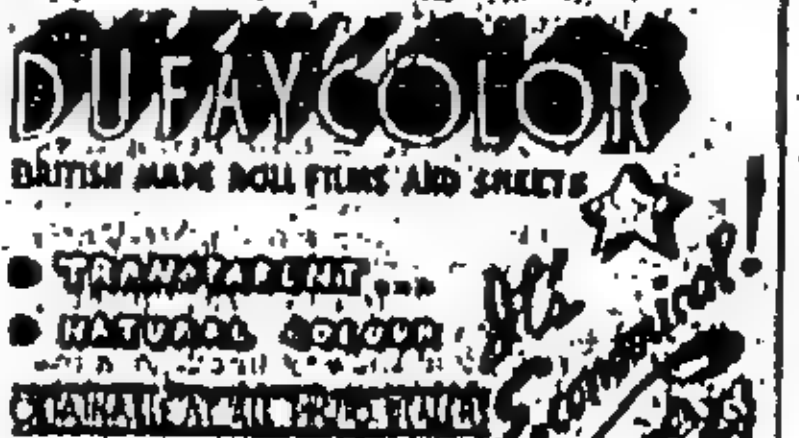
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SOME SOUND MILITARY STRATEGY IN PEIPING

Shanghai, December 17.

There is some appearance of the sound military strategy emerging from General Fu Tsai-yi's manoeuvring in Peiping in which he is concentrating the bulk of the North China regulars inside the walled city.

Sounding out high foreign and Chinese military and diplomatic officials produced the consensus that General Fu was not involved in any deal with the Chinese Reds, either politically or militarily.

There are some observers who think it is possible, but the overwhelming opinion of General Fu's loyalty to the Nationalist Government is so far untouched and the past record of the master of defence, makes his action in Peiping consistent. General Fu's position now is that he has the bulk of the crack troops who made Peiping walls and minor groups outside which is the chief value of his position to the Reds.

May Strike Out

The Chinese Reds have long ago promised to destroy any of Peiping's historical buildings and monuments. General Fu is evidently expecting them to honour their pledge not to devastate the city itself.

Strategically Fu is in a position to be down General Lan Pao-chang in the Peiping siege. If the Reds have any strength to move South toward Tientsin, Fu is in a position to strike out in an effort to envelop the Reds between Peiping and Tientsin.

Tientsin is far more valuable to the Reds than Peiping, with a airport, factories and rail communications and as long as the Reds are kept bottled up in Peiping, he is keeping them from other theatres of war.

Twenty years ago, he showed himself as defence master at Chiehchow on the Peiping-Hankow railway where he held out for 40 days against the besting, warlike ending in a victory for Fu and exhaustion for the besiegers.

"Want Nicot"

It is true that he wrote to Mao Tse-tung in 1946 that he would be loyal to a coalition government in which the Reds have high places, but it will be recalled that when General Marshall was in China, there was a civil war there and there were hopes of a peaceful formula to end the fighting.

General Fu's letter to Mao was considered then as now, an expression of loyalty to whatever Government that is ruling China. General Fu has consistently been very loyal to the Generalissimo.

But the rumour factory among others, has it that Fu had recently conferred with the Chinese Red leaders in which "everything went along nicely."

A possibility that Fu might deal with the Reds is the fact that he is not on the Chinese

Red black-list of high Nationalist officials and generals booked for execution by the Reds. A few months ago, the Chinese Red Radio listed the Kuomintang firing squad candidate. If caught, General Fu is not an opportunist on past record, but the recent deterioration of the overall Nationalist military situation may have changed his viewpoint.

Another thing is that Fu's own treatment of the people in North China is similar at least, to what the Reds claim for agrarian reform and improvement of the position of the peasants. United Press.



He's dead scared we get stolen before Christmas!

"MADAME CHIANG IS ON A FORLORN ERRAND"

New York, December 17.

An article in the United States News and World Report today said: "Madame Chiang Kai-shek is in Washington on an obviously forlorn errand."

She is as witty, as charming and as popular with American officials as ever. But the latter just will not listen when she wants to talk of the subject of her trip. In the capital Madame is proving an embarrassing quest. To United States officials the whole situation is painful.

The article said that United States leaders do not want to see the Communists win in China but see little to be gained from increasing the \$2,000,000,000 aid already sent to Generalissimo Chiang since the war.

Start Third War

Army men, according to the article, estimate it would take 50 tanks and 25 divisions to defeat the Chinese Communists and it would take a year to organise and train such a force.

They fear lesser assistance to China would be no use and American assistance on such a vast scale would bring Russia into open aid of the Communists, thus starting the Third World War.

The article continued that the Generalissimo "will continue to receive bits and pieces of help of the sort he has been getting. But in the opinion of those close

to the situation the United States cannot do enough to save him. In the end, however reluctantly, his country may have to cut China adrift." United Press.

EAST-WEST "WAR" EXTENDS TO FISH

Berlin, December 12. There is a small war of words going on between the German fishermen of the Russian occupation zone and those of the British zone.

The Russian zone fishermen are accusing their Western counterparts of "piracy" in the Baltic fishing fields. They claim the Westerners are coming within the three-mile limit of Soviet zone ports and stealing Eastern fish. Associated Press.

Solid Progress In Training Govt Army

Nanking, December 18.

The Army Aid Group, now reorganised as the Joint United States Military Aid Group, has made solid substantial progress in helping the Chinese Government whip up a more efficient military machine.

Over 60,000 Chinese officers and technicians have been trained in 30 basic service schools set up in China under American military advice.

American advisory personnel attempted to organize China's forces whenever possible along United States military lines. Informed quarters point to the Combined Services which keep the Chinese soldier clothed, fed and equipped as an excellent example of the advancement which has been made.

Transportation facilities in China never have been plentiful, especially railroad. Combined Services officers, using the American technique of unloading supply trains, speeded this work by one and a half hour and in ships by one and a half days.

Trains, which were badly needed elsewhere, formerly were held up for three days and ships four days before coolies completed unloading.

General Staff

Another example is the general staff of the Chinese Ministry of National Defence which often bogged down in a mire of inefficiency. Today it is organized into an American staff system with four divisions: G-1 administrative; G-2, intelligence; G-3, personnel; G-4 supplies.

Prior to this system, the AAG began functioning in May, 1946. The Defence Ministry never knew how many men it had in its forces. This made accurate planning, supplying and moving troops an almost impossible task. Now, whenever possible, Chinese forces are reorganized in order of date on a co-ordinated basis.

Instructors at the basic service schools, which include artillery, infantry, medical, signal, ordnance, etc., centres, are Chinese with possibly four or five American advisers.

American officers at the beginning of the programme two years ago trained small groups of Chinese officers who in turn train others in the field or set up other service schools.

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Probably the greatest single obstacle to the programme, which is expected to take five perilous years before bearing any fruit, is China's inflation.

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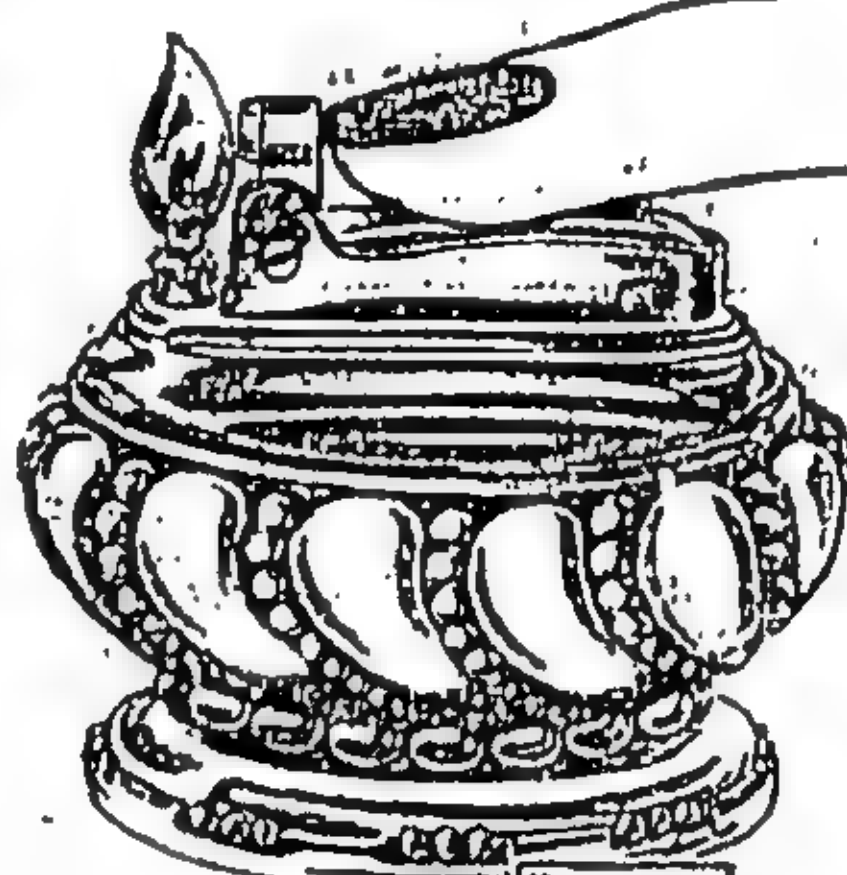
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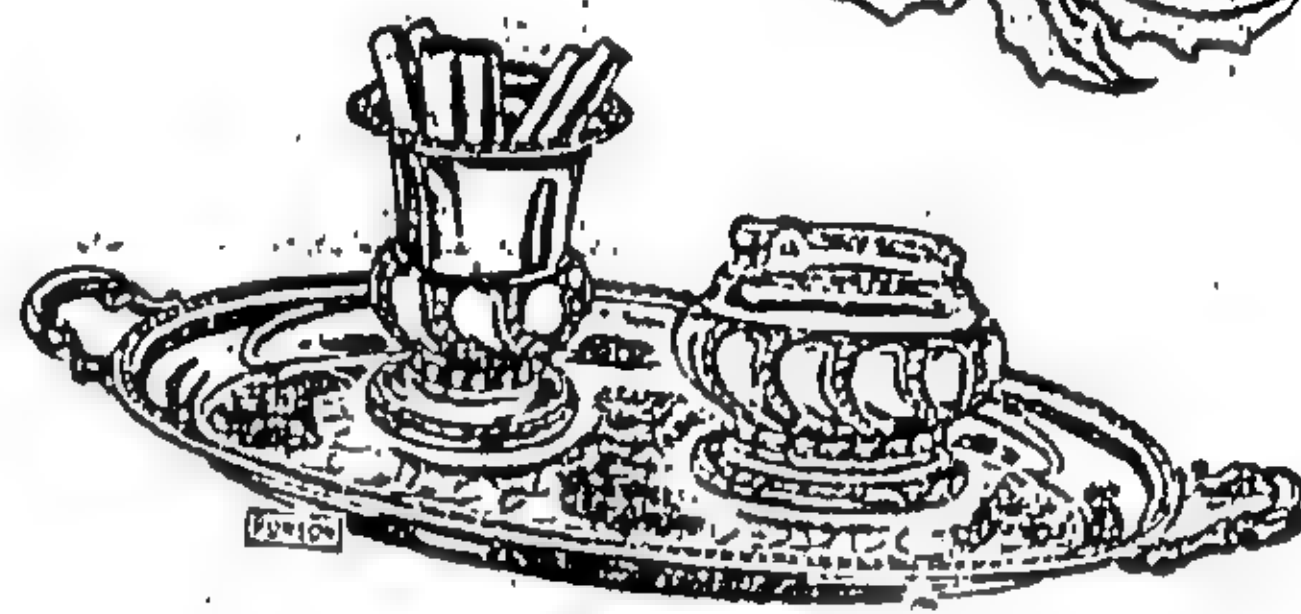
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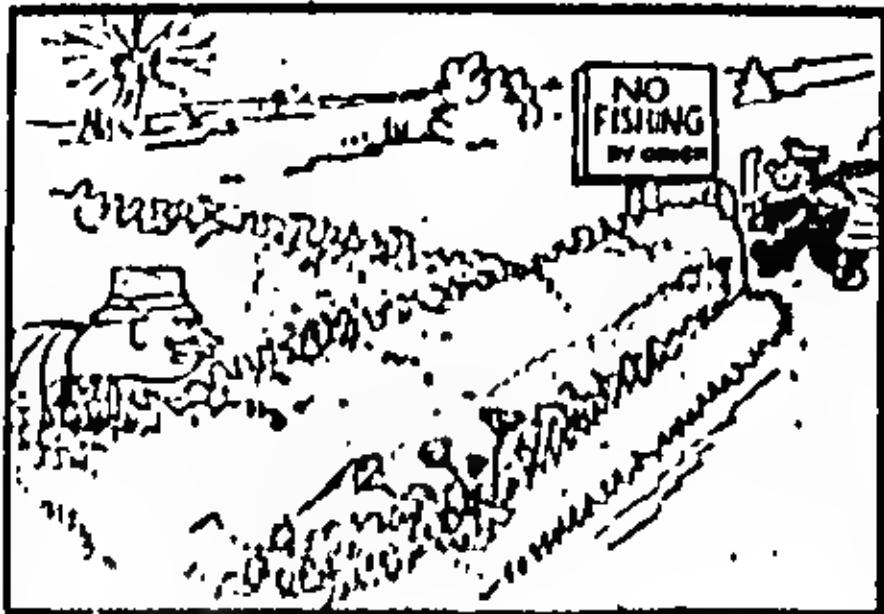
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My True Short Story

THE MIRACLE OF CASE 140

The doctor opened the door of his Paris apartment himself. "Bon jour, maitre," he greeted me in the brisk practical way in which housewives greet the man who has come to mend the bathroom tap. "Bon jour, maitre," he greeted me in the brisk practical way in which housewives greet the man who has come to mend the bathroom tap. "You've come about the miracle?"

His consulting room overlooked, through a fresh window inland in heavy Victorian taste with stained glass, one of those spacious Paris streets of the 16th Arrondissement — melancholy with respectability.

The room was small and dark, overcrowded with big armchairs. The doctor's desk was untidy with papers and ashtrays full of glass phials. Perhaps as an effort to cheer up his tubercular patients there was also a small chromium cocktail bar—conveniently unsuitable.

It was in this room, no doubt, that the girl (who must be referred to as "Case 140") first learned she was incurable. Perhaps she sat in this chair. She must have listened to the same sounds of Paris in the street: below the window the absurd hoofs of the taxi horns—the sounds of people and motor-cars going somewhere, free to go anywhere they liked, to live for years and years in the healthy outdoor world.

Had No Future

The doctor himself, one of France's foremost tuberculosis specialists, sat on his desk chair as if it were a toilet. His brown pin-striped suit enclosed him with the same sort of uncertainty that a cover encloses a hot-water bottle.

Did she perhaps learn from him on an afternoon like this—in this same brisk, practical, almost jolly tone of voice in which he was telling me the story—that from then on she could only grow worse?

"She was the niece of one of Thorez's henchmen—Thorez is, as you know, our leading Communist in France. After being passed for years from one sanatorium to another she finally came to rest, incurable, at a sanatorium near Biarritz. If you will permit me to describe the details of her condition."

Transported by the doctor's description, one imagined her lying there in the sanatorium. Neither her age (she was in her early 20's) nor her looks (she was plain) were of much consequence.

As a woman she had no future. As a body—the doctor's description was graphic and unpleasant. She lay under a huge hoop which kept the bedclothes off her swollen stomach. She had been

on a liquid diet for two years. Case 140. Incurable. A matter of months.

She lay there, knowing every mark on the ceiling better than a woman knows her own face—stringing her thoughts like beads on the chain of daily sanatorium routine—passing the time that was left.

One day in the late spring of 1946 a nurse came round with a list. "Hands up those who wish to go this year to Lourdes?"

Case 140 did not put up her hand.

"What about you, maitre?" "I am a Communist, nurse. My family are Communists. You must see that it would be impossible for me to associate myself with Catholic superstition."

But when August came Case 140 went to Lourdes with the others all the same. After all, this might be the last time she would have a chance of seeing the outside world before she died.

During the procession in Lourdes the priests and pilgrims sweated in the afternoon heat.

and the air was loud with the public chanting and the responses and "Seigneur, faites-moi que je marche!" "Make me that I walk!" "Even people with no legs tried: 'Seigneur, faites-moi que je marche!'"

The grove was more peaceful, cooler, and in calmer light. Case 140 submitted politely to the acts of other people's faith. She lit the candle and kissed the stone below the statue of the Virgin. Her condition was such that she was not submerged in the waters of the holy spring.

"That evening," said the doctor, "I had a telephone call from the sanatorium at Lourdes."

"Your Case 140 is asking for food."

"Impossible."

"Not at all. She says she is cured. She managed to walk from her chair to the ward. Her stomach is deflating itself. And she says she is hungry."

"Give her beans and let me know what happens," said the doctor. Then a few hours later they telephoned again: "She's

eaten the beans. Now she says, please, she wants a big meal—with meat!"

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The doctor concluded: "And a couple of weeks later my Case 140 walked away a healthy woman whose age and looks are once again of some consequence. When five specialists have testified that there exists no scientific explanation for her cure, who can deny it was a miracle?"

"And now..."

"She is doing full-time social work. I understand, in the Paris suburb Kremlin-Bicetre."

And that is where the doctor's story ended. But that is not the end. And the end is the most interesting part of this story.

Because, like all claimed miracles, the testimony and evidence is most carefully cross-examined by the Vatican. And the girl must surely testify to her cure. But the question arises: Can the object of a miracle be her own devil's advocate? For, unconverted by her cure, Case 140 remains a Communist!

NEW DEFENCE LINK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

From J.L. Hays

A long forgotten fishing village with a population of only 400, sleeping among the palm trees, its white square stone and mud houses running down to a blue sea, is today of new and vital importance in Britain's defence plans for the Mediterranean area.

The latest to join the group of place names which read like chapter titles of a history of British Control of the Mediterranean Basin—like Gibraltar, Malta, and the rest—may well be AQABA.

On some maps you will find it spelt "AKABA," maybe "AQABAH"—even "AKABAH."

It is that sort of place. So I am betting twenty to one you have never heard of AQABA; fifty to one that even if you have, you could not put your finger on it on the map straight off.

The facts are these. AQABA stands at the head of the Gulf of AQABA—"the first turning to the right" as ships sail north up the Red Sea to Suez. It is the Southernmost town and only port of Transjordan, the tiny Arab Kingdom (estimated population: 400,000) ruled by King Abdullah, the first—a kingdom which has been independent since May 23, 1946, after 25 years of British mandatory rule.

Great Britain has a treaty with the Transjordanian Arabs, her best friends in the Middle East and the most loyal Arab allies in World War Two.

Its defence clauses promise mutual assistance in the event of war. British troops can move freely through Transjordan at all times.

Britain has a RAF station just outside the capital—AMMAN.

Solomon's Navy

AQABA has not always known obscurity. Nearly a thousand years before Christ King Solomon built a navy at this port. In later biblical days it was an important seaport in Indo-Egyptian trade.

In more recent years the Arab armies which fought with the allies against the Turks in the Great War used AQABA as a base.

From camps on the beach, Lawrence of Arabia led his raiding parties against the Turkish-controlled Hejaz railway, running North to Damascus, Beirut, and Istanbul.

Between the two World Wars it flared briefly in the headlines when there was a proposal to link its anchorage by a 160 miles long canal with Gaza on the Mediterranean coast across the deserts of Southern Palestine. The idea was to bypass the Suez Canal.

Then AQABA lapsed into obscurity again.

But about the time when the British forces in Palestine were beginning to withdraw, when Britain's mandatory ruling days were numbered, AQABA began—slowly at first—to snowball back into importance.

One of the army's last tasks was to send reconnaissance convoys, made up of all types of trucks, armoured cars and staff cars, down by road. The officers in command blandly told those who questioned them: "Oh, we just went down for a week-end's fishing."

With the Holy Land, Transjordan's Western neighbour across the Jordan valley, the Dead Sea, and the fabulous cleft known as Wadi Arabia now empty of British forces, Britain's naval base at Haifa zone, the 2,000 feet long runway-class RAF bomber fields in the plain abandoned to the new Israeli Air Force, the main Mediterranean coastal road and railway linking Suez to Turkey and the Balkans at points on the Arab-Jewish battlefield, AQABA is today a very important place.

Thrust From North

Britain's basic defence preoccupation in the Mediterranean these days is to counter a thrust from the North, through Turkey or Persia perhaps, by now you know whom!

Such thrust would imperil Britain's chief interest in the Middle East—the predominantly British-owned oil installations in the Persian fields and pipe lines present and protected, carrying the "crude" from well across Iraq, Syria, Transjordan and Palestine to Mediterranean coast terminals and refineries at Haifa and Tripoli.

"AQABA could not fit more neatly into the strategic picture than the surrender of her Palestine mandate on May 15 this year. Its

landing strips are only 180 miles (Dakota flying time, one hour) from group RAF airfields around Fayyid, the big base on the Suez Canal.

Overland, truck convoy distance is less than 250 miles.

Mombasa, chief port for the really big and permanent bases Britain is planning for Kenya and Tanganyika, is 3,300 miles down the Red Sea and South down the East African coast.

Troopers and supply ships, with air cover all the way, could take that "first turning to the right" up the Gulf of AQABA instead of pushing along an extra 600 miles through the Suez Canal and up the Mediterranean coast to Haifa.

From AQABA it is only 400 miles North over World War II British-built desert roads, now deteriorating but easily reconditioned, to Hufuk, base and workshops town for "H" pipe line between the wells at Kirkuk and Haifa—and so East or West as the case might have to be, over well-travelled roads along 500 miles of pipe.

To the East anyway is a 250 miles long road, linking Mafruk with the RAF's big bomber field at Habbaniya, snug in a loop of the Euphrates river, 20 miles outside Bagdad.

To sum up: if you want to get troops, guns and vehicles up to oilfields in a hurry from either Fayyid or East Africa, AQABA is "the funnel" of the shortest and safest route.

An Idea

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But RAF regiment convoys are already moving by road between Fayyid, AQABA, AMMAN, and HABBANIYA, ships of the Royal Navy have anchored in the shallow waters of the naval base.

British army survey and mapping parties are active along the road North of AQABA, travel-stained trucks driven by Royal Engineers, their battle-dress pale with blown sand, have been seen in the streets of AMMAN.

The loss of Palestine has not, as was once feared, hampered Britain's military freedom of movement in the Middle East, and has not crippled her defence communications—thanks to AQABA. Remember the name. It does not matter how you spell it—you will be hearing more of AQABA.

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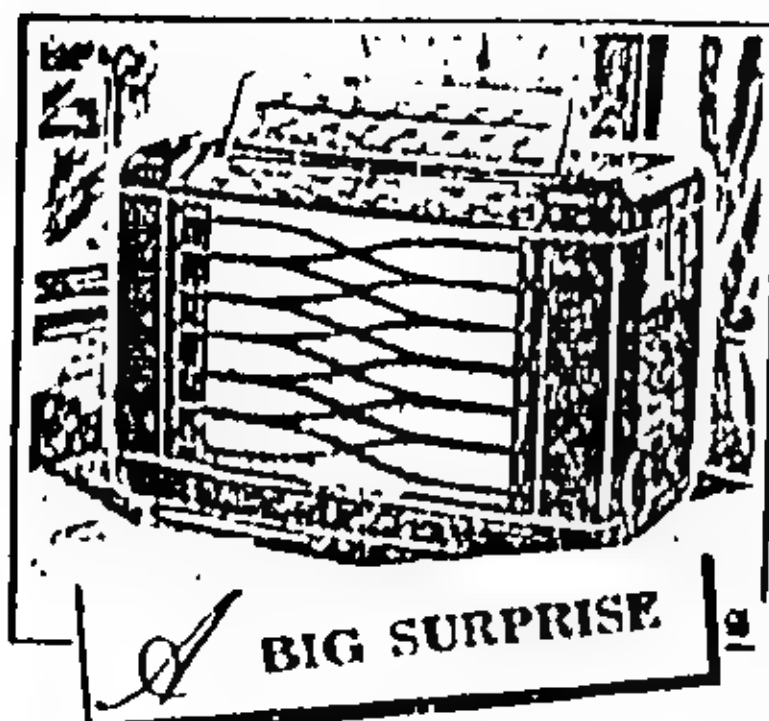
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ISRAEL NOT TO JOIN UN YET

Paris, December 17.

The Security Council tonight reached a deadlock on whether to admit Israel to the United Nations. Support for Israel's application fell two short of the necessary seven votes. Russia and the United States had supported the application but Britain had sought an indefinite postponement of a decision.

Soviet Russia indicated she would use the veto if necessary against the British proposal and also against a compromise French proposal to shelve a decision for a month.

The United States, the Soviet Union, the Ukraine, Argentina and Colombia voted for Israel's immediate admission. Syria alone voted against, the remaining five members of the Council abstaining.

The British proposal for indefinite shelving claimed only four votes—Britain, Belgium, China and Syria.

The French proposal for one month's delay was supported by Britain, France, Canada, China, Belgium and Syria.

Filed Again

In these two votes, the remaining members of the Council abstained. Belgium was the only other country to support a Syrian proposal that the International Court of Justice be asked to pronounce on the legality of the Israeli State.

After the meeting, the Israeli representative, Mr. Aubrey Eban, said the application for membership would be filed anew at the first possible opportunity.

Before the vote, the Soviet representative, Mr. Jacob Malin, told the Council that there was no reason for postponing a decision. He asked Britain to give up her "usual policy of favouritism for certain requests for admission" and attacked the "policy of favouritism and discrimination of certain Governments."

The United States and the Soviet Union spoke against discussing the incident until the Security Council had received a report from the acting mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

Mr. Roberto Urbaneja Arbelaez, the Colombian chairman of the Council's Palestine Subcommittee, said Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Israeli Foreign Minister, had told him today that he had no news of a Jewish attack at Faluja.

Mr. Shertok's added, according to Dr. Arbelaez, that as far as he knew negotiations were still going on at Faluja between Jews and Arabs.

Rash Undertaking

In the Council's last scheduled debate of the year, Sir Alexander Cadogan, who has consistently proposed the indefinite

postponement of a decision on Israel's application to join the United States, said he could not accept the American argument that to admit Israel would aid the work of the Conciliation Commission in Palestine.

"I am rather more inclined to fear that the negotiations would be more difficult," he said. To take an immediate decision would be an extremely rash undertaking, he added.

Mr. Philip Jeanp, (the United States) repeated the pledge of United States support of Israel's application, saying: "Our recognition of the State of Israel is complete. We believe the State exists."

Earlier, the Syrian delegate, Paris B. Khoury Bey, attacked the Israeli application and said its approval would "upset the Arabs and reduce their confidence in the United Nations."

"There are six (Arab) States, members of the United Nations, for whom the existence of such a State, whether with or without definite frontiers is unacceptable. For a people to come to a land as immigrants and then to impose their authority and propose themselves for the United Nations is something which the Security Council should refuse to uphold," he said.

THE RAINS WILL NOT COME

Washington, December 17. The Air Force said today it is possible that even being able to cause any appreciable amount of rain by "seeding" clouds with dry ice. A spokesman said the experiments conducted during the last two years will be continued.

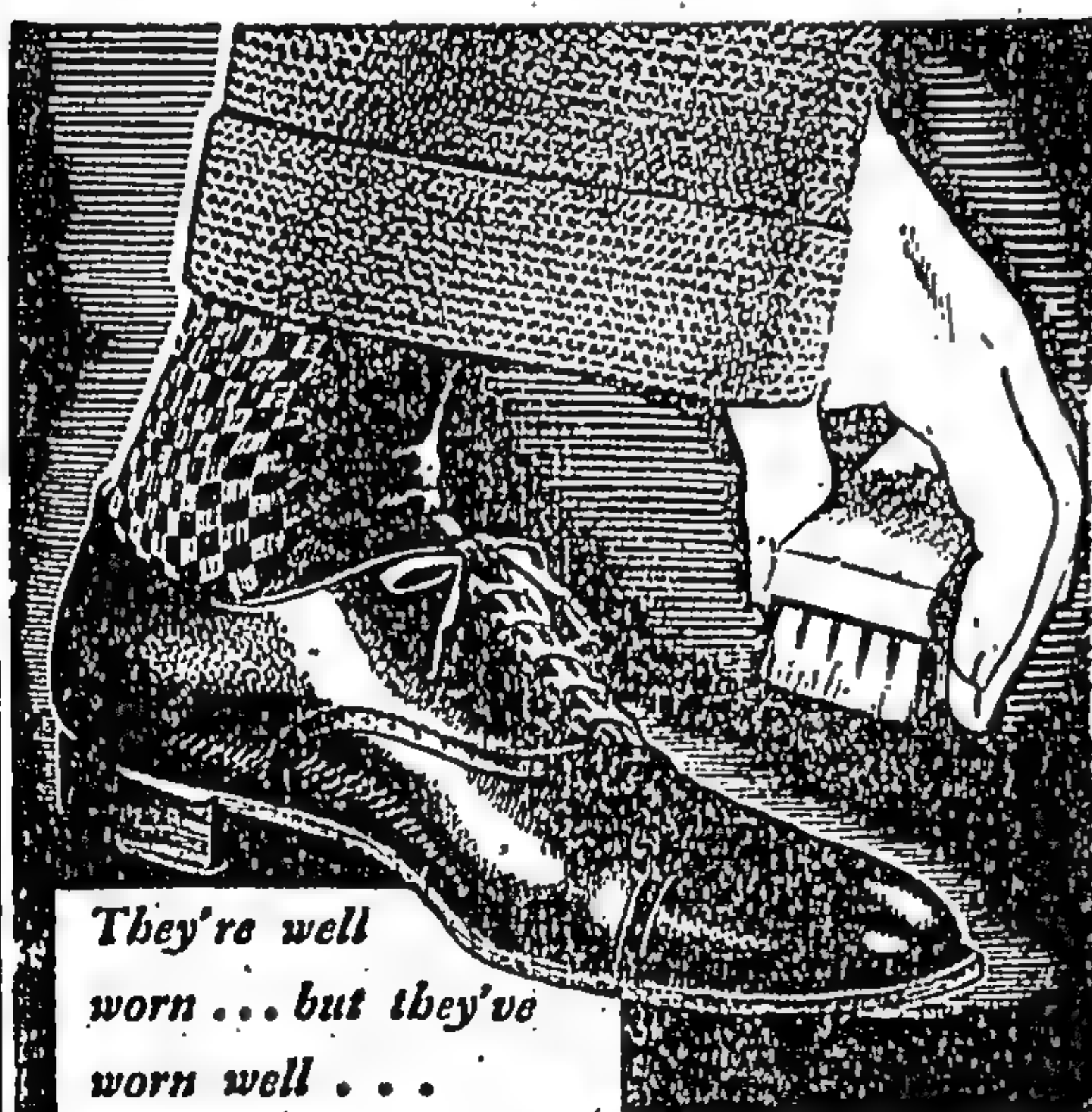
"The experiments completed to date are not enough to establish a scientific truth about a phenomenon that has existed for thousands of years," said an Air Force spokesman.

The Air Force said that never during the two years of the experiment has it ever maintained that "seeding" of clouds with dry ice will cause rain.

"But we are not through," the spokesman said. "We still have no reason, however, to believe the final result will be different from the results to date."

Since last October armed force scientists have been dropping dry ice into clouds in an effort to produce rain. These experiments were an extension of tests in tropical areas to determine the effect of dry ice attacks on hurricanes.

The seeding of the clouds with dry ice sometimes produces precipitation, the Air Force said, but this is true only if the atmospheric conditions are just right.—United Press.



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Washington, December 17.

The United States Commerce Department stated today that partial investigation of its records tended to confirm the American claim that Britain, Holland and Belgium had mis-used Marshall Plan funds to resell aluminium scrap to the United States.

A department spokesman said that a review of all the import declarations was nearly complete.

As the department's figures now stand, Britain is shown to have exported to the United States in the first ten months of this year 15,454 tons of aluminium. The British figures show merely a token export of 1,200 tons for the same period.—Reuter.

Britain Could Not Survive Atomic War, Says Expert

Sydney, December 17.

Britain would be indefensible in atomic warfare but the number of atomic bombs which could be made in the foreseeable future could not cripple either Russia or the United States, Mr. David F. Martyn, the Australian radar expert, said today.

Dr. Martyn, who recently returned from Europe, said Britain's ports could easily be knocked out in an atomic war. Radio-activity would prevent quick reconstruction of port facilities and Britain would be starved within a short period.

With Britain facing starvation and defeat in atomic warfare, her only hope of survival would be the mass migration of 20 million people to the Dominions.

Dr. Martyn said Britain appeared to have no defence policy to meet atomic warfare.

Impossible Number

Britain had five to 10 years in which to prepare assuming it would take the Soviet Union that period to develop her atomic potential. Yet planning on a British Commonwealth-wide basis was needed "and needed soon."

Dr. Martyn is head of the Radio Research Section of the Australian Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. He added that in Russia and the United States industrial areas are so dispersed that an impossible number of atomic bombs would be required to put them out of action.

The latest bombs could devastate an area of several square miles.

RECENT DEATH MAY BE ECHO OF HIROSHIMA

Tokyo, December 17.

An autopsy is being performed to determine whether the atomic bomb dropped at Hiroshima three years ago was the cause of one of the rarest slow deaths.

The victim of the suspected atomic disease, 38-year-old Shiro Nakayama, a government official, was staying at an inn in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The blast occurred about half a mile from where he was staying.

He died on Wednesday in Tokyo University Hospital when X-ray and other treatments failed to check his condition marked by insistent swellings on the skin, armpits, groin and also in internal organs.

No Case Like It

Physicians at the hospital said that if it is definitely proved that the disease was due to the

atomic bomb, the discovery would make a great contribution to medicine. While Nakayama's death was directly attributed to "reticular sarcoma," it is not known yet whether this condition was induced by the delaying effect of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Saburo Kosaka of the University hospital said, "There's never been a case exactly like it among many patients of the atomic explosion."

He said that if sarcoma had started from the skin and then worked its way into internal organs, the case would be very rare, paralleled by only one or two other cases.

Nakayama suffered severe effects of atomic reaction, including fevers and falling out of hair immediately after the Hiroshima blast, but later apparently recovered and was well enough to continue duties with the Cabinet Statistics Commission. He was hospitalised late in November after suffering a mysterious relapse. Swellings first occurred in the armpits and then spread to other parts of the body.—United Press.

Spain Scales Exchange Rates

Madrid, December 17.

A sliding scale of Spanish currency exchange rates to boost exports was officially announced in Madrid today. Some export prices will be cut by nearly half.

The new rates vary according to the type of commodity. It was the light of the currency change that Britain signed the trade agreement with Spain earlier this week. The old exchange rate was 14 pesetas to the Pound Sterling, and 10.85 pesetas to the United States dollar.

Exports affected by the new rates include common wines (including sherry), lemons, raisins, tinned sardines and liqueurs.—Reuter.

Canadian Wheat For U.K.

Ottawa, December 17.

Ninety per cent of Canada's wheat surplus of 236,000,000 bushels will go to Britain at an average price of \$2.03 a bushel, it was reported today.

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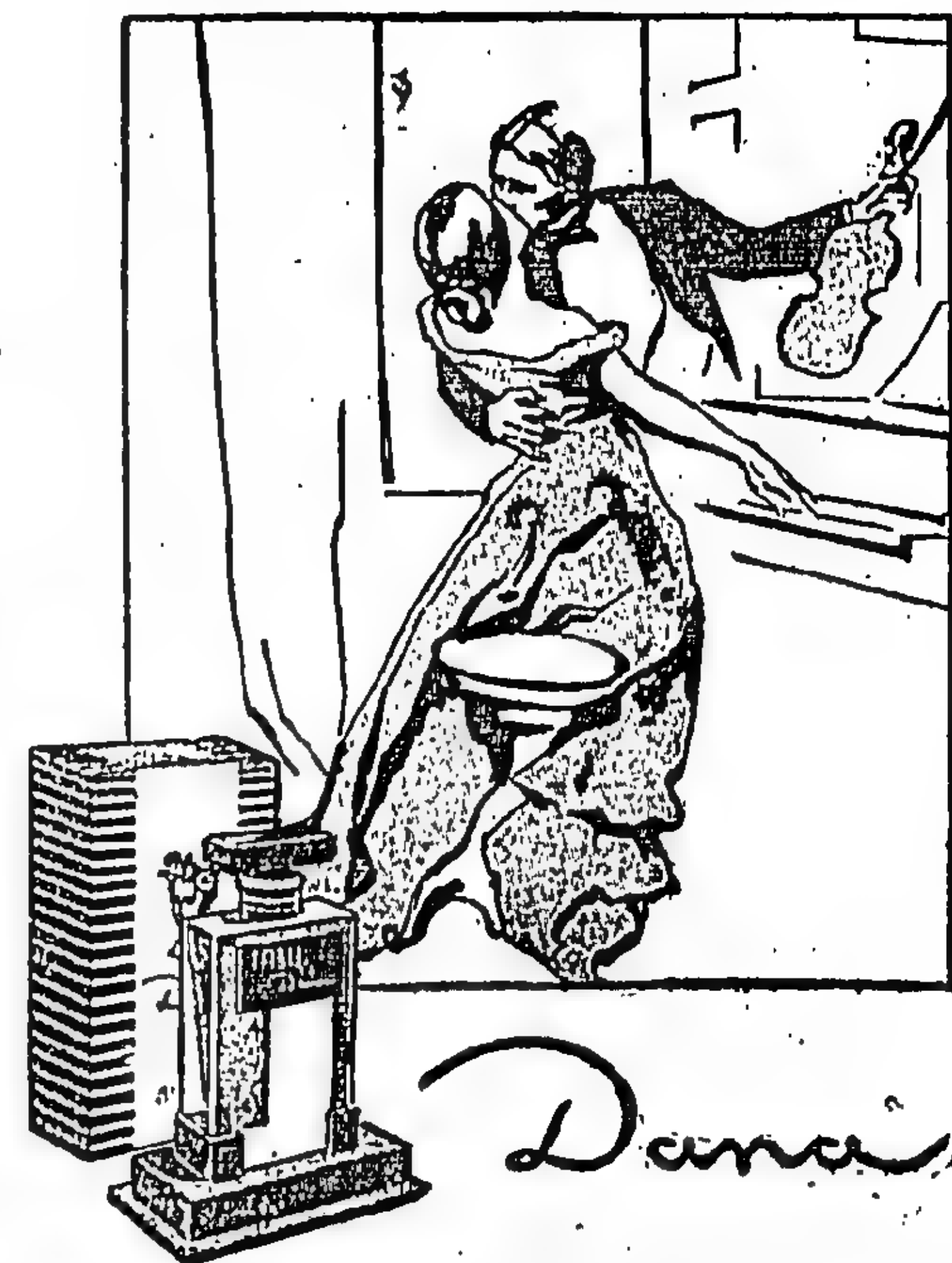
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BETWEEN OURSELVES LONDON'S FUR DYERS LEAD

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

Among the fashions which attracted the greatest interest during London's Fashion Fortnight were the furs. Magnificent models in mink, dyed ermine, beaver, kolinsky and other fine furs were exhibited, and many of the foreign buyers frankly confessed that it was worth coming to London to see the superb skins.

For not only are furs actually sent from every known fur-producing region to London to the great sales held by the Hudson's Bay Company, but many of the finest specimens are sent back to London by overseas purchasers to be dyed. London fur dyers alone seem to have the secret of the rich and lustrous colours which distinguish the finest furs, while the city's fur dressers are excelled by none in the production of light, supple pelts.

A good deal will hinge on the next phase of fashion as it affects the fur trade. It is for the furrier to provide a wrap to accent the elegance of a dress—to produce an authentic design, not to copy a silhouette. Full-length coats in the new autumn collections are practically stabilised at 12 inches from the ground; anything longer would be clumsy owing to the weight of the skins and the necessary fullness. In fact, Culham Links, one of London's leading furriers, points out that the longer skirt in a full-length fur coat is tending to bring back to popularity the longer-length jacket.

Two, three or four-fold backs are used for such full-length formal coats as mink, dyed ermine, beaver and kolinsky, depending on the skin used, the wearer's figure and the choice of dress worn beneath. This fullness is seen even in the "hip-length or finger-tip length jackets which, in the Culham Link collection, are being made in preference to other short types.

Two more important changes are seen in the disappearance of the tuxedo front and the full, loose sleeve. In their place the cape collar reappears, sometimes with an elbow-length cape, sometimes with a modified version. This last may be a kind of sailor collar or a collar which, while widening in front, narrows at the back and can be worn open or closed.

Shoulders everywhere are softly rounded and in place of the wide sleeve is one which is cut full from shoulder or elbow or both, or is full only on the outside, narrowing to some kind of fitted cuff. The latter may be an ordinary narrow cuff, or it may be of strands plaited with the ends disappearing into the sleeve; or it may be just wide enough to be a decorative element.

Parship Nut Balls

1 lb. parships, 1 oz. shortening, 1 oz. flour, 1 gill milk, salt, pepper, 2 oz. chopped walnuts, beaten egg, breadcumbs, deep frying fat.

Prepare and cook the parships in boiling salted water until tender. Rub through a sieve. Melt the shortening. Add the flour and cook until smooth. Add the milk, stir until the mixture boils and thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Add the parship pulp and walnuts. Mix well together and spread on a plate to become cold. When cold, mould into balls, dip each one in beaten egg and coat with breadcumbs. Fry until golden brown. Serve very hot garnished with parsley.



An interesting evening cap—calman links in kolinsky. The cape can be made to form sleeves by buttoning the sides together.



This model in black broadtail by Calman Links shows the new flared cape collar, which is growing in popularity.

Cream Quiz

By CLAUDIA

The names of facial creams on the market today are legion, but, fortunately for us, they nearly all fall into one or another of the well-known groups: vanishing cream, foundation cream, cold cream, cleansing cream, nourishing cream, skin food.

We are familiar with all the names, but do we really know what they are? Do we understand the difference between one type of cream and another, what they will do for us and, more important, what they will not do?

The modern science of beauty culture has reached a standard where each type of cream has its own special purpose, its own particular function in the ritual of skin care. Each has a different job to do in the important task of keeping your skin young, fresh and healthy as well as providing the most effective base for make-up.

Perhaps the most easily confused are the cold creams and the nourishing creams or skin foods. Cold cream is a member of the cleansing cream group, those very light, oily creams which melt at a point below body temperature so that they liquefy as soon as they touch the skin. Their purpose is to sink quickly into the pores, loosening dirt and obstructions and floating them to the surface where they can be wiped away.

The type of oils used in the making of cleansing creams do not mix with the natural oils of the skin, otherwise they would merge, dirt and all, instead of detaching the dirt or stale make-up and flushing out the pores. Cold cream is merely a slightly heavier type cream of this category, and the important thing to remember is that it has no nourishing properties at all. Its other occasional function is as a powder base for a light make-up on a very dry skin.

Different Requirement

Catering for another quite different requirement are the foundation creams, which include vanishing creams, and cream make-up bases. These are all intended to stay put... on the surface of the skin. They form a film which holds on the powder while protecting the pores from direct contact. They are non-oily and will have nothing to do with the natural oils in the pores of the skin.

Within this group are as many various grades as there are varying types of skin and make-up requirements. They range from light vanishing creams, purely light and fluffy, intended to hold only the lightest make-up, to heavy cream foundations for all-day wear.

The third big group include all the skin foods and nourishing creams. These are rich creams which contain oils similar to those produced by the glands of the skin. They penetrate the pores and are assimilated, supplementing the natural oils and giving extra nourishment to the tissues.

These are the creams which keep the skin young and hold wrinkles at bay. They are prepared in degrees of richness for all skins, dry, normal and oily, from the fresh young skin which needs more lubrication than nourishment to the older skin which can absorb a far richer mixture.

NEW COSMETICS

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There are several ways in which one may attain a pink-and-white complexion; we will mention two:

By using a rosy-tinted powder base, a pastel powder one notch lighter in colour matched rouge and lipstick in the preferred pink.

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MUCH STILL TO BE DONE TO DISPERSE ZAIBATSU ASSETS

Washington, December 18.

Japan has gone a long way toward breaking up its big pre-war combines and restoring competition in industry, State Department officials said on Friday.

However, one important phase of the process directed by General Douglas MacArthur is estimated to be less than half completed: The sale to the Japanese public of securities owned by the leading "Zaibatsu" families and their holding companies.

The action already taken by General MacArthur and the Japanese Government was reviewed by officials after the United States had decided to abandon the programme it previously had proposed against Japanese monopolies.

The Liquidation Far Eastern Commission was informed last week that this Government took that step because events had outmoded details of the controversial programme.

But the United States made it clear that the dissolving of certain combines and a wider distribution of the income and ownership of Japanese industry remains an important objective of the occupation.

Assets Sold

The apparent effect is that General MacArthur will have even greater freedom in carrying out these aims than he would have had if the Commission had adopted the proposed detailed plan for a "new deal" in Japanese industry and trade.

Officials shied away from a specific estimate on how far the reorganization has gone, but they said this much is definite: Assets of 56 industrial barons who headed the 10 major Zaibatsu families and 83 holding companies have been acquired by the Government and now are being sold to the public. This is the process estimated to be less than half completed.

However, a much larger number of concerns have been compelled to surrender holdings in smaller enterprises, and to break up interlocking directorates.

Numerous control associations through which power was exercised are being liquidated.

Re-organization of former savings banks, trust companies, and government banking institutions is "well advanced," this has made possible the emergence of new commercial banks to compete with the combines which formerly dominated Japanese credit.

Several scores of the biggest companies, whose size might threaten competition, are being scrutinized one by one. To make sure that the entire process is not reversed in future years, Japan's basic economic law has been largely revised.

An anti-trust law has been adopted and a fair trade commission, set up. A Japanese holding company liquidation commission has made a study of the structure of the larger companies and, in co-operation with General MacArthur's headquarters, is developing plans for their reorganization.

General Frank R. McCoy, U.S. representative and FEC chairman, outlined these steps in serving notice to the Commission that this country no longer supports the proposal which had been pending before the group for some 18 months.

During that time it was denounced as socialist by some congressional critics, while Soviet Russia sought to make propaganda capital of accusation that the United States was not pressing the attack on the Zaibatsu vigorously enough.

The decision to abandon the programme, officials said, was preceded by months of soul searching.

They indicated there was a sharp split of opinion within the State and Army Departments and also in General MacArthur's headquarters over whether to put greater stress on Japan's post-war economic recovery or on making the country more democratic. The decision apparently was to place the emphasis on making Japan stronger—thereby reducing American occupation costs and helping restore the Pacific balance of power upset by World War II.—Associated Press.

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London Stock Exchange

London, December 17.

There was a certain hesitancy underlying the firmness in the London Stock Exchange today. Hesitancy was introduced by the Berlin broadcasting station incident but reinvestment of Argentine railway provided the firmness.

Government securities recovered early dullness and showed small gains on the day. Industrials took the lead from allied and there were many small advances among textiles, iron, steel and electrical equipments.

However, however, were dull. Once again there was an active oil market. Trading, however, was smaller than the previous day and produced many small improvements under the lead of Venezuelan Oil Concessions. There was also a firmer tendency in Brazilian rail.

Leopoldina issues were better in quiet trading but the foreign bond section was steady and idle.

There was small selling of South African mines by the Cape and local operators. Prices of Dividend payers and developers moved lower with the market influenced by political and economic uncertainties within the Union.—Reuter.

SECURITIES:	2 1/2%	7 1/2%
British Consols	106-1/2	106-1/2
Conversion Loan	106-1/2	106-1/2
Funding Loan	106-1/2	106-1/2
War Loan	106-1/2	106-1/2
Victory Bonds	106-1/2	106-1/2

RAILWAY SHARES:	99-15/16
British Transport	99-15/16

INDUSTRIALS:	5-29/32
British American Tobacco (of G.D. & Ireland)	48/9
Imperial Chemical Industries (of G.D. & Ireland)	6-29/32

RUBBER SHARES:	19/8
Anglo-Dutch Plantation of Java	19/8
Guthrie-Kalimpong Rubber Estate	19/8
Rubber Plantation Investment Trust	19/8

MINE SHARES:	0-1/8
Anglo-Siam Corp.	0-1/8
Crown Mines	0-1/8
Northern Rhodesia	0-1/8
Hand Mines	0-1/8
Spring Mines	0-1/8
Sub Nile	0-1/8
Tavor Tin Co.	0-1/8
Union Corp.	0-1/8
Oil Shares:	24 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	24 1/2

SHIPPING:	82-1/2
P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.	82-1/2

GILDED:	104
Funding Loan	104
National War Bonds	104
1940/51	104
1952/54	104
1954/56	104
1956/58	104
1958/60	104
1960/70	104
1970/75	104
1975/80	104
Exchequer Bonds	104
Redemption Stock	104

FOREIGN BONDS:	7 1/2
German Loan (Dawes)	7 1/2
Japanese 5%, 1907/47	24 1/2
Japanese 5%, 1924/39	24 1/2
Jan. & Manchurian Ry. 5%	24 1/2
1924	16

BANKS:	11-7/16
Chartered Bk. of I.A. & C.	11-7/16
Eastern Bank	11-7/16
H.K. & S. Banking Corp.	10 1/2
Lloyds Bank "A"	69/0
Merchants Bk. of India "A"	21 1/2
National Bank of India	87 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:	0
Tientsin-Pukow Ry.	0
Luna-Tsing-U-Hai Ry.	0
Recog. Loan, 5%, London issue	12
1912	12
Crisp Loan, 5%, 1912	12
Hukuang Ry.	10 1/2
Honan Ry.	9
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Kowloon Canton Ry.	9
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"ANHUI"	Swatow & Amoy	4 p.m. 19th Dec.	
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 19th Dec.	
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REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI ON WAY TO SOUTH

The Chinese passenger liner Ha Yen called here for a few hours yesterday on route to Canton for a special military assignment.

After disembarking at Canton about 350 North China refugees, including 45 Nationalist soldiers and their dependents, the Ha Yen will convey about 5,000 Nationalist troops from there to Formosa, the "Sunday Herald" learned reliably yesterday.

The soldiers coming from Shanghai are natives of Kwangtung Province and are part of the thousands of stragglers today roaming North China cities penniless and hungry.

Their ages ranging from 16 to 40, the troops still wore their padded khaki jackets. Travelling with them were 130 dependents, mostly children. Among them were remnants of their military equipment, including food cans and water bottles. They were not armed.

More than 150 passengers landed here yesterday with practically their entire belongings. Except for

two crates of personal effects, the Ha Yen did not discharge any cargo for Hong Kong. She had besides the tons of luggage, about 3,000 tons of general cargo for Canton, including two cars, belonging to passengers.

Listed Heavily

Because of lack of water on board, the Ha Yen listed heavily on her arrival here from Shanghai. She took in about 15 tons of water before departing for Canton last night.

This was the second visit of the vessel, which brought personnel and dependents of her owners, the Wah Sung Shipping Company of Shanghai, a fortnight ago on her maiden voyage here. She would be visiting Canton for the first time, too. Originally the Ha Yen was to be docked here for overhauling it was learned.

Among the passengers were Miss M.M. Davidson, the only European aboard, and a few Koreans. Sixty-year-old Miss Davidson disembarked here yesterday.

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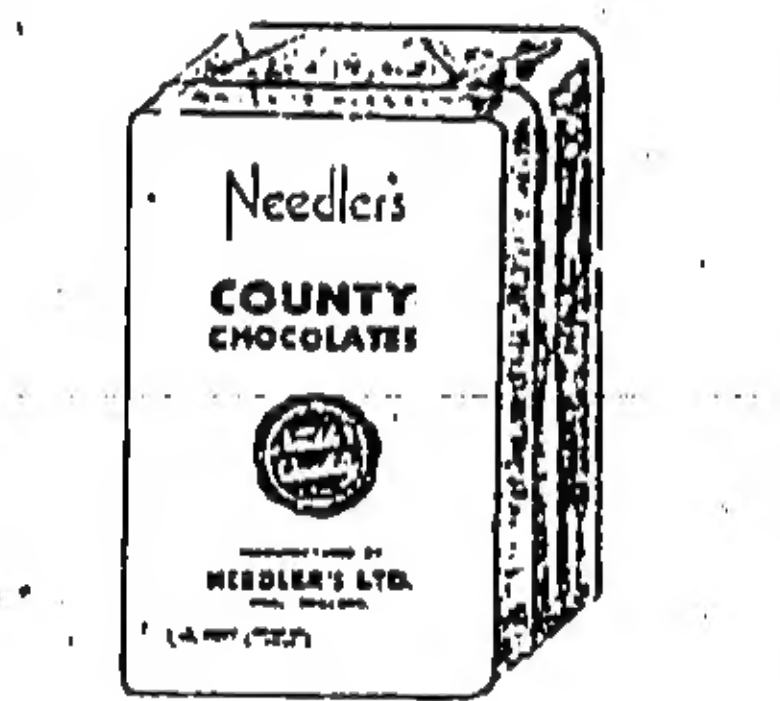
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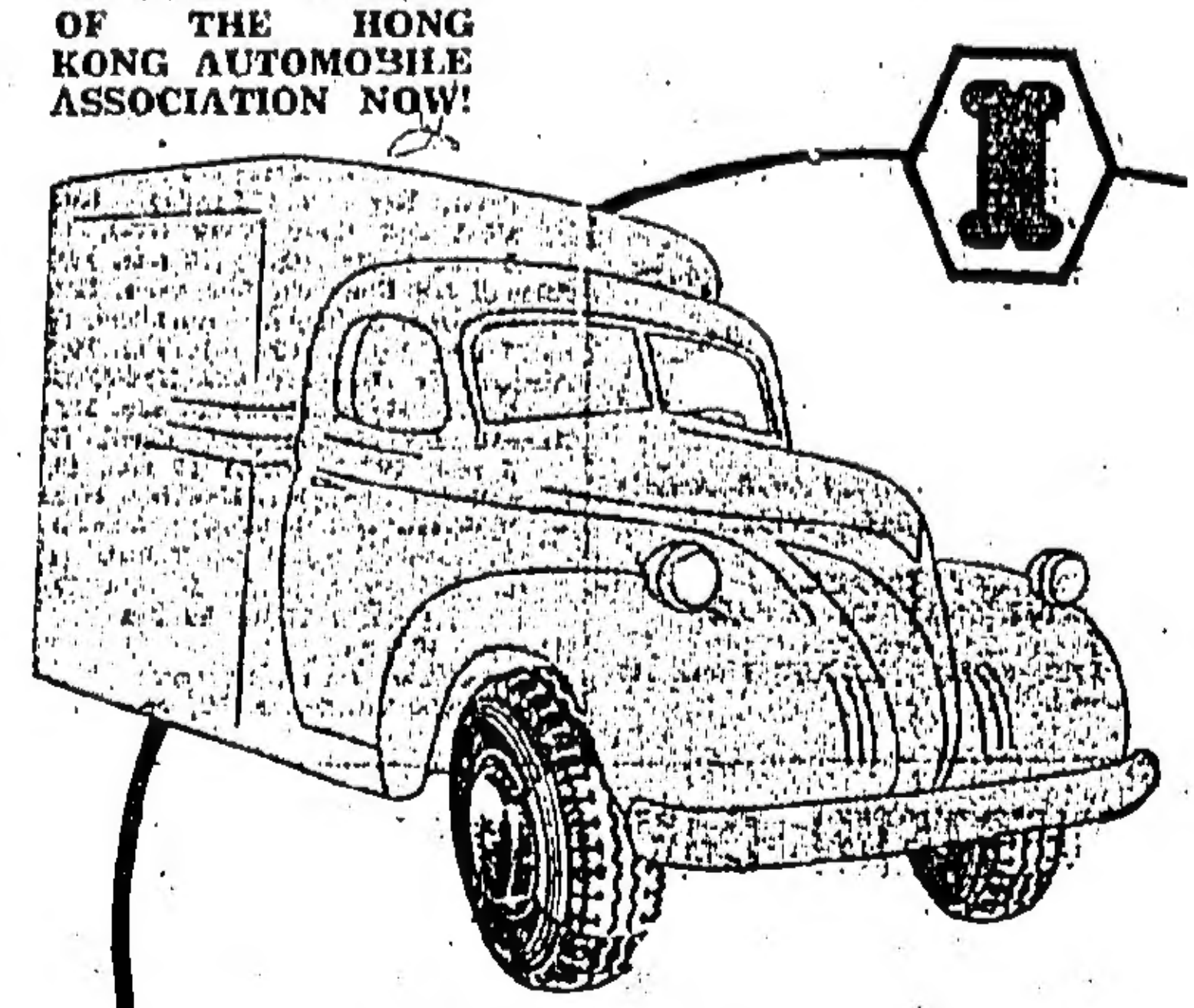


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Lady Gibson, wife of the Colony's Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, formally opened the Grand Fete at the Murray Parade Ground yesterday. The fete was held in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs' Association. Lady Gibson was met at the gate by Mr. B.T. Walton (left in picture above) an official of the Association—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

\$20,000 A Month Petrol Case Comes To An End

The \$20,000-a-month Petrol Stealing Case, commenced on June 19 last, reached its final stage in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Mak Yuk and Wong Sing-lui, charged with receiving, were fined \$250 each.

Mak, a licensed driver, and Wong, an accountant living at 733 Nathan Road, third floor, were arrested with 31 others by a party of Special Branch men, led by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, Detective Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison and Detective Sergeant-Major Lu Muk, at Fir Street on June 17.

On their being charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr on June 19, the driver of a military lorry and an armch were discharged on their plea of not guilty being accepted by the prosecution. One was sentenced to 18 months, five to 12 months, six to 12 months, eight to six months, and one to three months, penal servitude.

Mak and Wong, who pleaded guilty to the receiving charge, were remanded for sentence when the other eight drivers denied the counts against them.

At subsequent hearings, taken before Mr. (now Justice) J. Wicks, eight (including one of the three drivers arrested on June 18) were discharged. The remaining three defendants were remanded on November 11.

Due to Mr. Blair-Kerr's transfer to the Law Office as Assistant Crown Solicitor, sentence on Mak and Wong was deferred until yesterday. During the whole period, these two defendants were admitted to bail.

Government proposes to build four new night-soil barges. Tenders for constructing four wooden barges were called for by Mr. J. Jolly, Director of Marine, in the Government Gazette yesterday.

Christmas Party For Boys' Clubs

More than 200 boys and girls from the Boys and Girls Clubs in Causeway Bay, Fanling and Ulong were entertained at the Y's Men's Club Christmas Party for children held at the Soon Kwong School yesterday afternoon.

President Lam Chik Suen spoke of this meeting for the celebration of Christmas and thanked the principal and staff of the Soon Kwong School for the use of the school premises. A.S. Watson & Co. for their soft drinks, Mr. I.M. Loo for the use of his films and those who had given gifts and helped to make the occasion a success.

To facilitate the participation of those children who had to come from a great distance free transport was provided.

A stage show with songs and little plays was given by the students of the Soon Kwong School. Each child was given a pair of rubber shoes, gifts, drinks and cakes and were later on entertained to a movie.

Present at the meeting were officials of the Hong Kong Y's Men's Club. They were Mr. Ho Shique (District Governor), Mr. Lam Chik Suen (President), Dr. T.Y. Li and Mr. Wellington Hsie (Vice President), Mr. S.H. Pang, Secretary General of the Y.M.C.A. as well as directors of clubs and their families.

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"CARHAGE"	14th March	14th March	
"CORFU"	3rd May	3rd May	
"CORFU"	9th June	9th June	

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"CANTON"	15th January	15th January	
"CARHAGE"	3rd February	3rd February	
"CANTON"	16th February	16th February	
"CARHAGE"	14th March	14th March	
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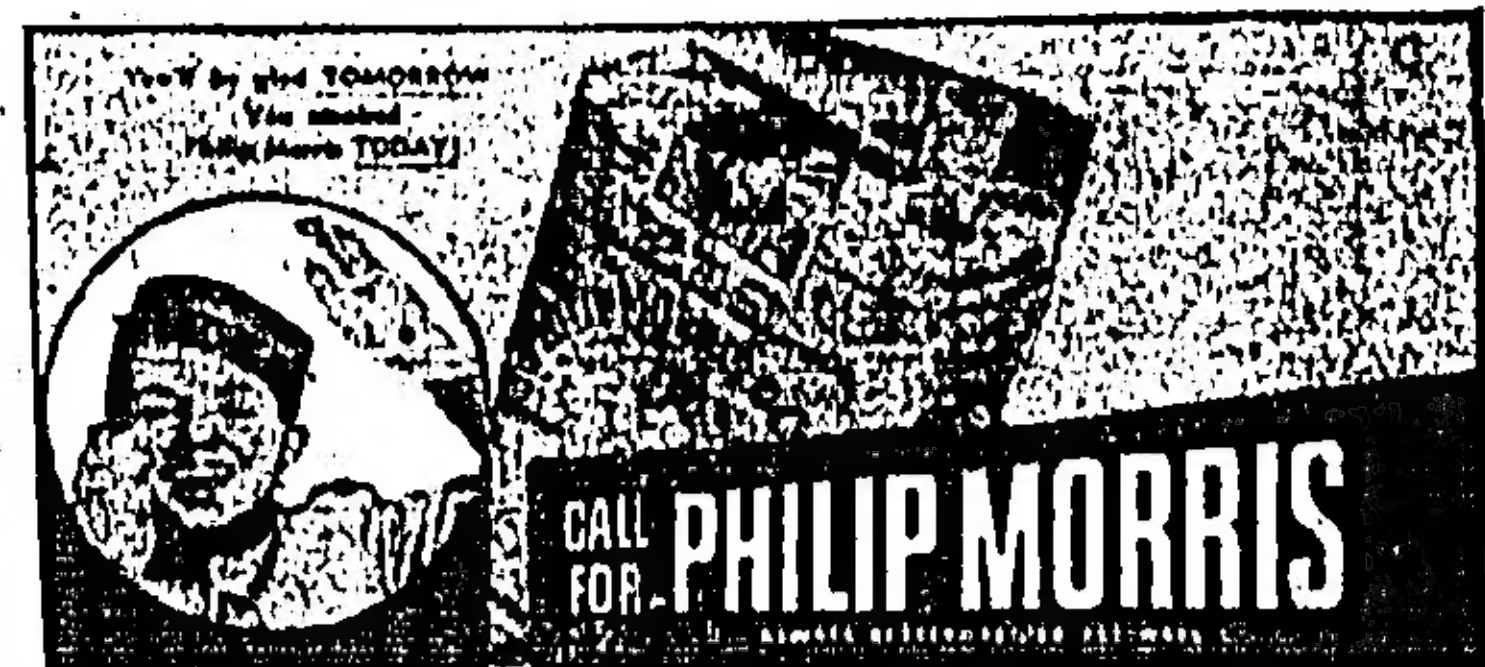
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THE TEST MATCH

ENGLAND CAUGHT ON A BOWLERS' WICKET

Durban, December 18.

England had scored 215 runs for six wickets at lunch on the third day of the Test match against South Africa here today in reply to South Africa's first innings of 161 runs. Caught on a wicket made tricky by heavy overnight rain, England lost four wickets for 71 runs before lunch and held a first innings lead of 54.

Denis Compton, with a defensive innings of the highest order on a drying pitch which took a lot of spin, battled against South Africa's spin attack for one and three quarters hours during which he added 35 runs.

He remained unbeaten at lunch with 52, the result of more than two and a half hours of batting. The state of the pitch was soon revealed when Clive McCarthy, the fast bowler, made the ball kick from a good length, and the spinner, Norman Mann and Athol Rowan got plenty of turn and lift. Athol Rowan was the most successful today, taking all four wickets which fell before lunch.

South African spin bowlers, Norman Mann and Athol Rowan, changed the character of the cricket. Both bowled on top of their form, helped a great deal by the pitch. Mann got both Washbrook caught behind the wicket, and Simpson, caught at forward short leg, and his 15 overs conceded only 13 runs. He and Rowan had Denis Compton making strenuous strokes and even Hutton, who continued to face the attack confidently, found difficulty in making scoring strokes. The torrential rain which brought about the early close of play had flooded many parts of the ground within an hour. The scoreboard at the end of the second day's play reads:

ENGLAND—1st Innings
I. Hutton, c. McCarthy, b. A. Rowan 83
C. Washbrook, c. Wade, b. Mann 35
D. Compton, c. Begbie, b. Mann 52
A. Watkinson, c. Nourse, b. A. Rowan 9
F. G. Mann, c. Eric Rowan 19
T. G. Evans, c. Wynne, b. A. Rowan 2
R. Jennings, not out 0
Extras 10
Total (for 6 wickets) 215
—Reuter.

Friday's Play

Durban, December 17.
England lost Cyril Washbrook (55) at 84 and Simpson (51) at 104, but Len Hutton and Denis Compton were together when play ceased on the second day. They had then put on 40 for the unfinished third wicket, and Hutton, 81 not out, looked set for his fourth century of the tour and his second in successive innings. For the first hour Hutton and Washbrook batted very confidently, but the introduction of the

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President's v Vice-Presidents
J.E. Hayward v E.F. Pope 15-13
K.C. Hamilton v L.A. Gutierrez 15-13
R.A. Edwards v W.C. Simpson 15-13
J. McKelvie v E.A. Atkins 15-13
R.P. Phillips v E.W.C. Simmonds
E.J. Spradbury v J. Moodie 15-13
R. Morrison v C. Dowman 15-13
U.M. Omar v A.J. Hall 15-13
(Skip) 12-32
J. Tindall v T.J. Hensley 15-13
E.H. Mitchell v L.L. Mills 15-13
F.C. Cleme v G.C. Norman 15-13
L. Sykes v A.M. Omar 15-13
(Skip) 18-10
E. Abraham v D. Trail 18-10
J. Clighion v J.H. Hurbuck 18-10
J. Hensley v J.S. Dinnen 18-10
A. Jillett v L.R. Whait 18-10
(Skip) 23-14
N.J. Whelpton v J. Kinniburgh 18-10
W.G. Frost v W. Simpson 18-10
W. Willetton v L. Goy 18-10
S.H. Strunge v S. Pollock 18-10
(Skip) 18-14
W. Russell v J. Roberts 18-14
A.J.L. Pearson v A. Davidson 18-14
L.G. Coombes v W. Hong Sing 18-14
F. Goodwin v J.S. Landolt 18-14
(Skip) 18-8
W.H. Bailey v T.F.H. Robinson 18-8
L. Gadi v R.J. Grindley 18-8
M.Y. Aital v R.J. Wigginton 18-8
C. Gough v G.E.F. Thompson 18-8
(Skip) 19-16
A. Hutton v H.W. Close 19-16
S.M. Rumjahn v C. Mottram 19-16
H.F. Shields v T. Lock 19-16
A.L.G. Eastman v L.A. Collier 19-16
(Skip) 23-10
Total 148 Total 134

Prize Winners

The following were the prize winners:
Club's Singles Championship—Winner, A.L.G. Eastman; runner-up, J. McKelvie.
President's Cup—Winner, C. Dowman; runner-up, J. Fraser.
Vice-President's Cup—Winner, J. McKelvie; runner-up, W.H. Bailey.

Pairs Handicap—Winners, V. Chittenden and W.H. Bailey; runners-up, J. McKelvie and R. Morrison.
Triples Handicap—Winners, Hensley, W. Simpson and S. Shields; runners-up, Gellatly, W. Close and V. Chittenden.

Badminton League

Men's Doubles "B" Division:
St. Teresa's "B" lost to Chung Wah 2-7 in the postponed league match played off on Thursday, December 16.

Junior Mixed Doubles Division:
KCC lost to Kowloon Docks 3-6 in the postponed league match played on Monday, December 13.

St. Teresa's "A" beat St. Teresa's "B" 7-2 in the league match played on Friday, December 17.

The match between KCC and Recrio was postponed.

MEN'S DOUBLES "A" DIVISION

Chinese YMCA 2 0 10 2 8
Recrio 2 1 17 11 2
KCC 2 0 2 14 0 6
University "A" 0 0 0 0 0 0
University "B" 0 0 0 0 0 0

MEN'S DOUBLES "B" DIVISION

Kowloon Tong "A" 4 1 25 11 4
St. Teresa's "A" 4 1 25 11 4
VRO "A" 3 1 10 11 4
KCC 3 1 2 0 18 2
St. John's "A" 3 1 2 0 20 2
University 1 1 0 6 8 2
Kowloon Docks 3 0 3 8 10 0

SECTION II

Chinese YMCA 4 0 31 2 8
Recrio 4 1 26 10 6
Chung Wah 4 1 26 10 6
Kowloon Tong "B" 4 1 23 10 6
St. Teresa's "B" 4 1 23 10 6
VRO "B" 4 1 23 10 6
St. John's "B" 4 1 23 10 6
University 4 1 23 10 6
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SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

Chinese YMCA 2 0 14 4 1
University 1 0 1 3 0 0
KCC 1 0 1 3 0 0
Recrio 1 0 1 3 0 0

Home Football Results

London, December 18.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division		Third Division (North)	
Arsenal	3	Huddersfield	0
Birmingham	0	Wolves	2
Blackpool	0	Sheffield U.	2
Bolton	4	Sunderland	1
Charlton	4	Stoke	1
Liverpool	1	Villa	1
Manchester C.	2	Burnley	2
Middlesbrough	1	Chelsea	0
Newcastle	1	Everton	0
Portsmouth	3	Preston	0
Derby	1	Manchester U.	3

Second Division		Scottish League—"A"	
Blackburn	1	Southampton	2
Cardiff	0	Bradford	0
Chesterfield	4	Bury	0
Coventry	2	Brentford	1
Fulham	3	Grimsby	1
Leeds	3	Leicester	1
Lincoln	4	West Ham	3
Plymouth	3	Burnsley	1
Wednesday	3	Spurs	1
West Brom	2	Notts F.	1
Queen's Park	0	Luton	3

Third Division (South)		FA Cup—Second Round	
Bournemouth	1	Newport	2
Bristol C.	2	Southend	1
Exeter	0	Bristol R.	1
Leeds	1	Aldershot	2
Northampton	4	Reading	1
Notts C.	0	Q. Park	0
Port Vale	1	Millwall	0
Swindon	0	Brighton	0
Walsall	4	Norwich	2
Watford	4	Swansea	2

Club Beat Navy In Rugger Match

Fast and exciting rugger featured the meeting between Club and Royal Navy at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, the game ending in a victory for Club by nine points to six. RAF-HK Police were completely overwhelmed by Army, whose all-round superiority enabled them to score 35 points without response.

Club—Royal Navy
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Army—RAF-HK Police
Army were early on the attack and shortly after the kick off, Brown went over for a try in the corner, which was unconverted. The same player was very nearly over again, then play swung over to the other wing, where Wilson touched down for an easy try. The kick was again missed.

Shortly after a round of passing, Army increased their lead to nine points with a grand try, 'tucker, bringing out full points with an easy kick. Army, due to their forward's rushing tactics and good footwork, were giving their backs a field day and Swaine put them further ahead, Tucker again converting. The score was 16 points to all in favour of Army.

The combined side was playing hard, but their backs were quite unable to hold Army's fast three line, the game eventually being won by Army by 35 points to nil. RAF-HK Police missed Wright-Nool's leadership, and also the weight and drive of Oliver in the scrum.

CHRISTMAS DAY CUP MATCH

The following have been selected to represent China in the International Soccer Cup match against Scotland at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day:
Yu Yiu-tak (SCAA), Hai Yung-sang (SCAA), Tam Ching-tai (KMB), Tung Sum (KMB), Soong Ling-sing (SCAA), Lau Chung-sang (SCAA), Hon Yin-tun (SCAA), Chung Kam-hoi (SCAA), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Chau Man-chi (KMB) and Chu Wing-keung (SCAA).
Reserves: Leung Ting-tong (CAA), Fok Yiu-wah (Kit Chee), Mau Cheung-wing (CAA), Tong Sheung-wing (SCAA) and Li Chun-fat (CAA).
Team Manager: Mr. K. K. Ip.

KOREAN SOCCER TEAM IN HK

Arrangements have now been made for the Korean Soccer XI which is due to arrive by ss. Hupeh next week to play their first match here on New Year's Day. The visitors will play a total of four matches.

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LOCAL SOCCER

CLUB AND ARMY IN A THRILLING DRAW

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At Caroline Hill, RAF gave a fine display against South China "B" and had they been blessed with a little more luck, might well have carried the day instead of losing by five goals to three.

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The second half continued as fast as ever and with the rain now laying well, the ball played many tricks. It shot ahead very quickly and there were a few anxious moments when defences failed to connect with the ball.

Twenty minutes of the second period had gone by before Club opened the scoring. An attack developed on the left and Kierman put Bickford away down the wing. He cleared two defenders and squared the ball across the goalmouth to Mann, who had only to partly turn wide of its mark. Brown took the kick and fired in a hard drive to the roof of the net.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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The Chinese obtained the equaliser when, following an attack on the RAF goal, Lee Yuk-tak gained possession outside the penalty area and sent in a fast shot which caught Bartrum off his guard.

In spite of a continual drizzle which, made ball control difficult, play continued at a fast pace. The Chinese went ahead when Bartrum caught but failed to hold a hard drive by Ko Po-keung. At half time, the score was 3-2 in favour of the Chinese. Immediately on resumption, the RAF secured the equaliser, Cross